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SAFETY CITIES PLAN

A project for centralising in Portugal all international efforts to protect children from the consequences of aerial warfare is to be made officially by the Portuguese Government to all the belligerent powers, according to a message from Lisbon.

A plan was unofficially put forward recently in the Lisbon newspaper "Diário de Notícias" urging the establishment of "safety cities" in all countries at war, where children would be guaranteed freedom from aerial bombardment.

"Let us centralise in Portugal and co-ordinate the magnificent work of the International Red Cross units," wrote the newspaper.

"This generation, representing the Europe of to-morrow, cannot be held responsible for the bloody conflict which is now proceeding in Europe.

It is a question of saving from dread and fear and the inevitable physical debility, thousands of children — English, German, French, Italian, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian and Greek without distinction.—Reuter.

PACIFIC WAR PROBLEMS

In a joint statement after the meeting of the Australian War Council in Melbourne yesterday, Mr. Fadden, the acting Prime Minister and Mr. Curtin, the Labour Leader, declared, "There is no doubt of the seriousness of the international situation as it affects Australia."

The War Council discussed developments in the Far East and called into conference Vice-Admiral Colvin and Air-Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett,

Violent Attack In Central Zone Fails With Heavy Loss

MUNITIONS DUMP BLOWN UP

Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Albanian Frontier states that Greek long-range guns near Pogradetz blew up the Italian munition dump north-west of Lin on the shores of Lake Okhrida.—Reuter.

A VIOLENT ITALIAN counter-attack which was launched yesterday on the Central front in Albania, ended in a disastrous Italian defeat, according to Athens radio last night.

The enemy threw many troops and a considerable number of tanks and armoured cars into the battle in an attempt to break through the Greek lines.

The Italians were pushed back behind their base lines and their losses in men and material were heavy.

Several tanks and four armoured cars were destroyed.

The Greek forces have established themselves firmly in new positions.

The radio announcer added that operations on the Albanian

front yesterday were satisfactory in all areas.

On the mountain range beyond Kilsoura, Greek forces are now consolidating their recent gains and organising new positions in view of the extensive operations which may be expected when the weather improves.

Greek artillery is active in the Northern sector but bad weather is hampering the Greek advance. In the coastal areas, some headway has been made.—Reuter.

H.Q. Communique

A G.H.Q. communique issued in Athens yesterday stated that there was limited activity of patrols and artillery.

An enemy tank attack was repulsed. Greece had another day free of raids, adds the Ministry for Public Security communique.—Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS DO FINE WORK

Details of the fine work done by Indian troops in Eritrea now available in New Delhi show that the Punjab, Garwal, Baluch and frontier force regiments fought throughout in the battle which resulted in the occupation of Barentu.

The occupation followed a five-day battle fought by one Indian Brigade through a narrow gorge and a ten-day battle fought along the Aicota/Barentu road by another Indian Brigade.

With their experience in mountain warfare, the Indian troops excelled themselves in the difficult country around Barentu, resembling the North-West frontier, forcing the enemy to retreat from their mountain positions at the point of the bayonet and repulsing numerically superior attacks.

Indian troops are among those now advancing from Agordat towards Keren.—Reuter.

I SPY WITH MY LITTLE CROSS EYE

THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS have come here in Canadian uniform, declared Mr. Robert Hutchison, President of the American Eagle Club speaking at an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon in London yesterday.

Mr. Hutchison thought that there were seven or eight thousand Americans in service in Britain.

Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Shipping, speaking at the same luncheon said: "I feel I may look forward with confidence to the day when I shall know of the speed and scale of American shipping assistance."

Mr. Cross recalled that recently he told American journalists that he cast a covetous eye on enemy ships tied up in ports in America.

He added: "The song and dance which then emanated from Berlin had for me a high entertainment value because of its bonus qualities."

"I would only say now that the ships are still there and that I still have an eye and I am still capable of that little spiritual delinquency to which I had already confessed."—Reuter.

Chief of the Australian Air Force. The statement also declared that "The War Council realises the necessity for taking all possible steps and calls on each individual for his maximum effort."—Reuter.

THE DAMAGE TO "ILLUSTRIOUS"

Col. Knox, the U.S. Secretary of Navy, revealed yesterday that H.M.S. *Illustrious*, after a direct hit by a 1,000-lb. bomb during the attack by dive-bombers in the Straits of Sicily, proceeded first to Malta and later to Alexandria under her own power.

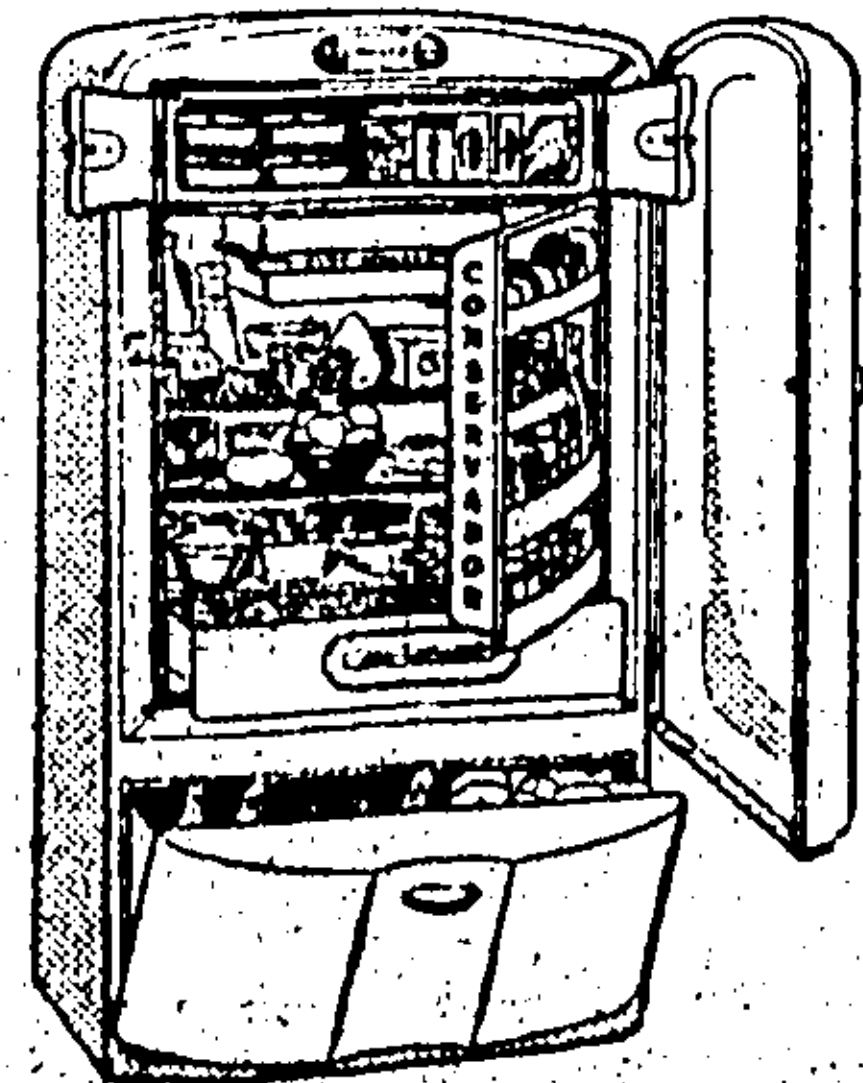
The bomb that struck *Illustrious* killed about 80 men and destroyed 20 bombers, but it failed to affect the vessel's navigability.

DR. CURRIE FLIES TO CHUNGKING

Dr. Lauchlin Currie, Administrative Assistant of President Roosevelt, boarded a plane for Chungking at 3.30 a.m. to-day.

Dr. Currie was accompanied by Dr. Hollington Tong, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's personal representative, and Mr. Emile Despres, Research Economist.

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Bombing Raids On Waichow

Civilians Ordered To Evacuate

INDISCRIMINATE bombing of Waichow was carried out yesterday by Japanese aircraft operating from the Japanese aircraft carrier in Bias Bay and from Canton, but the East River city was still in the hands of Chinese military last night.

Civilians have been ordered to evacuate. Reports received of Japanese troop movements, indicate that the Japanese plan to encircle the city.

CANADIAN AIR LINER DISASTER

All nine passengers and three members of the crew were killed when a Trans-Canada Airlines' plane crashed near Armstrong, Manitoba, yesterday, it is learned in Winnipeg.—Reuter.

SANDBAGS KILL FIVE

Five people were killed by sandbags which fell on them as they slept in a public air raid shelter.

This was stated at the Birmingham inquest on Shadi Mohammed, thirty-nine, Deborah Shadi Mohammed, twenty-nine, Gluham Mohammed, thirty-seven, who were Indians, and Hyman Borsock, thirty, and Lily Borsock, thirty-four, British Jews. All lived in Sutton Street, Birmingham.

Accidental death was the verdict in each case.

Shah Sha said that with other members of the party he went to the shelter about 7 o'clock on Friday night and talked to Hyman Borsock until about 11.30.

Then he saw the five people settle down to sleep with their heads against the base of a pile of sandbags.

He woke up at about six o'clock the next morning and saw the sandbags had collapsed.

Not To Be Trusted

All five persons were covered with dry sand. He dug out Mr. and Mrs. Shadi with his hands.

The shelter warden said there had never been any complaint about the piles of sandbags but he knew that there was a plan to remove the sandbags and replace them with brick walls.

An official of the public works department said that the new walls were being built because the shelter was being converted from an emergency shelter to a permanent shelter.

The coroner said there was no evidence to suggest that an accident of this kind could have been anticipated.

Evidence had made it clear that a sandbag wall in ideal conditions could not be trusted even after a couple of months. There was nothing the shelter warden could have done which would have prevented the accident.

More Japanese troops were landed at Blas Bay yesterday and it is now estimated that there are at least 6,000 Japanese troops in the vanguard operating against Waichow.

Chinese forces counter-attacked yesterday behind the Japanese line west of Tamshui and are reported to have routed the Japanese garrison at Ping Wu.

Chinese troops were also sent out from Waichow towards Sheklung and last night were reported to have made contact with Japanese patrols from that city.

Fighting is still in progress between Tamshui and Waichow, the Japanese apparently holding their positions until the arrival of reinforcements.

Some 900 Japanese troops are garrisoning Sha-yu-chung.

GERMAN GIRL, 19, 'TOO YOUNG TO WED'

A blonde German girl of 19 told Sir Gervais Rentoul, the West London Magistrate, that a German girl was far older for her years than an English girl of the same age.

She was Agnes Salomon, of Pembroke Road, Kensington, a refugee from Germany, once a University student, but was now earning \$2 a week in a factory.

The girl applied for consent to marry 23-year-old Friederick Schag, on the grounds that the consent of her mother, who lived in Frankfurt-on-Main, was unobtainable.

The girl's case was that she had known Schag for four or five months, and that they worked together in the same factory.

She came to England a fortnight before the outbreak of war, having won a scholarship to Exeter University. She was alone in a strange country, and her father, who had been interned in the Isle of Man, had given his written consent to the marriage.

"No Happiness"

Sir Gervais told her: "You are very young and this man is not in a position to marry you."

"It would be wretched to try to live on £2 a week."

"I feel that when a girl of 19 wants to marry, on that money after so short a time it is not likely to lead to happiness."

Fraulein Salomon interrupted: "I have thought it over very carefully. I know many English girls and they all say that I am much older than they are."

Sir Gervais: "I do not consider a girl of 19 knows her own mind in regard to wishing to spend her whole life with a man she has only known five months. You can renew your application in a few months' time."



Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Charter, who were married at St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday. The bride was formerly Miss Yvonne Joyce Spencer Crowley. (King's Studio).

BRITISH AIR ACHIEVEMENTS: VICTORY PRELUDE

BRITAIN MUST WIN the air-war as the prelude to victory, declared Air Commodore Goddard in a broadcast last night.

Air Commodore Goddard added that the recent lull meant that the German air force had been having difficulties.

"We have got through the winter pretty well," he said. Over four hundred and eighty enemy aircraft had been destroyed in the last two months.

The ratio of British successes to losses in the months of December and January was three to one.

Forty enemy planes—most of them the much vaunted dive-bomber—had been shot down near Malta in two months, with only two British losses. It was a grand beginning.

Since June last year, R.A.F. squadrons in the Middle East had destroyed over three hundred and fifty aeroplanes in the air and probably as many on the ground.

Commodore Goddard disclosed that since June, Britain "collected" over one hundred and forty night bombers, apart from those in the sea.

The British night gunners had shot most of them.—Reuter.

EIRE LOOKS TO DANGER

The Government of Eire is arranging for the voluntary evacuation of children from Dublin City and Kingstown borough in the event of a situation arising which would render such course advisable.

The scheme covers families whose incomes do not exceed £300 per year, but all persons who intend to evacuate, whether they come within the Government scheme or not, will have to register.

The scheme will be put into operation only if and when the Eire Government decide that the safeguarding of the lives of women and children is absolutely necessary.—Reuter.

DOG'S CRADLE VIGIL AS BOMBS FELL

THROUGH ELEVEN HOURS of hell, while Hitler's airmen rained death and destruction on Coventry, a fluffy grey and white terrier, Bob, kept an unbroken vigil over the cradle in which his seven-month-old master was sleeping.

Perched on his hind legs, his front paws resting on the side of the cradle, Bob watched the sleeping child. Now and then, as bombs screamed down, and the house shook from the vibrations, Bob growled quietly.

And when with the dawn, the sirens sounded the Raiders passed, he leaned over the cradle, licked his little master's face, curled up alongside him, and went to sleep.

Through many air-raid alarms, Bob has watched over the child, Nicholas Young, son of a Coventry engineer. As soon as the warnings sound, Bob stations himself at the cradle side, and there he stays till danger has gone.

Twice Bombed

The home of the Youngs has been twice damaged by bombs. Glass has showered into the sitting-room where the baby sleeps; plaster has fallen from the ceiling, but Bob has never shown fright.

"When my son was born I gave Bob to him as a Christening gift," Mr. Young told a reporter.

"Since then, Bob has appointed himself personal bodyguard. All day long he romps and plays with Nicholas, and at night he sleeps beside the cradle."

"After Nicholas wakes up during the night, but Bob licks his face, and the baby smiles and goes to sleep again."

Empire Supplies In East

The Secretary of State for India, Mr. Amery, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that two recommendations by the Eastern Group Conference which was recently held in New Delhi, are being carried out.

Firstly, the establishment in India of a Central Provision Office to co-ordinate military requirements and secondly, the appointment of an Eastern Group Supply Council to co-ordinate production and supply.

The Governments concerned have accepted these proposals and Britain has appointed Sir Archibald Carter, formerly of the Admiralty Board, to be their representative on the Supply Council and Major-General W. C. Holden, as officer in charge of the Central Provision Office.

Mr. Amery stated that both officers are assuming office immediately.—Reuter.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF REUTERS

The Board of Directors of Reuter's have appointed Mr. Samuel Storey, M.P., to be Chairman of the Company in succession to Sir Roderick Jones.—Reuter.

HAYASHI RELEASED ON BAIL

MR. HAYASHI, 70-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT OF THE JAPANESE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION, WHO HAS BEEN HELD UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE JAPANESE CONSULAR POLICE FOR THE ALLEGED WOUNDING OF MR. W. J. KESWICK, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, AND TWO JAPANESE OFFICIALS AT THE RATEPAYERS MEETING ON JANUARY 25, WAS RELEASED LAST NIGHT IN SHANGHAI UNDER BOND.

Mr. Hayashi will be confined to his home until his departure for Nagasaki in the near future, where he will be brought to trial on the charge of attempted murder.—Reuter.

DR. DE GEER UPSETS FRIENDS

Returns To Enemy Occupied Holland From Lisbon

Breach Of Undertaking By An Old Man

THE ROYAL Netherlands Government has announced that it had learnt yesterday with a profound sense of indignation that, notwithstanding solemn assurances given to the contrary, Dr. D. J. de Geer, ex-Prime Minister of the Netherlands, has left Lisbon for the enemy-occupied part of the kingdom in Europe.

Dr. de Geer who is 78 years of age, was Prime Minister from June, 1939, to September, 1940. Thus he was head of the Government at the moment of the German invasion on May 10 last year and had an important share in the responsibility for the unanimous decision of the Cabinet to leave The Hague for London with Her Majesty the Queen.



The King and Queen, with whom is Mr. George Gibson, Chairman of the T.U.C., inspecting mobile canteens at Buckingham Palace. The canteens were the gift of the T.U.C. to the Y.M.C.A. (Copyright, Fox).

GUNNER ROB IS IN CHARGE

There is one member of an anti-aircraft battery stationed in the West of England who does perpetual twenty-four-hour duty.

For a year now he has roused the men every time the warning has gone and hurried them off to their gun emplacements. In addition, he turns out on guard parade, acts as orderly officer, and, in his spare time, fetches cigarettes.

They call him Gunner Rob—short for Robin. He is a black cocker-spaniel who was brought to the battery as a six-week-old puppy by his master, Second-Lieutenant G. Reid.

Now he is over a year old and a grand gun dog. But he's after bigger game than pheasants. He's always waiting to bring in a Heinkel. A short while ago the men he roused gave him a chance when they brought down a German plane a few fields away. He's hoping they'll make another good bag soon.

Rob has never been taught that the sound of a bell means danger. But as the whole of his short life has been spent as a soldier, he knows it.

Like A "Sheepdog"

Very often he is the first person in the camp to hear the vibration of the bell. In a second he is out, barking furiously round the men's huts. As they dash out he shepherds them along like a collie with his sheep, snapping and barking at their heels until they reach the guns.

Then, when he has seen everyone safely to their posts and looked in to make sure that his master is in his gun emplacement, Rob considers he has done his bit and, like a wise dog, off he goes to shelter.

"Rob's bark is often the first notification we get of a warning of enemy planes," Lieutenant Reid said.

"I've only taught him one thing, and it was some time before he'd condescend to do it. I make him go down to the canteen and bring me back packets of cigarettes."

Soon after the resignation of Dr. de Geer from the Premiership in September last year, the Government decided to entrust him with a mission to the Netherlands East Indies, which would have enabled him to join some members of his family living in that part of the kingdom.

Dr. de Geer left England in November last on the express condition that the official facilities granted to him were to serve exclusively for the purpose just mentioned and he himself gave a formal undertaking to that effect.

Breach Of Loyalty

Having learned with deep regret that the former Prime Minister has broken this solemn pledge by returning to occupied territory, the Royal Netherlands Government have the painful duty to make it known that they consider Dr. de Geer's conduct a breach of loyalty and an act detrimental to the national interests.

This unfortunate incident, concluded the announcement, can in no way be accepted as an indication of any change in the firm determination of the Royal Netherlands Government to continue the war against Germany on the side of their British ally until ultimate victory.—Reuter.

Aged And Anxious

It is learned in Dutch circles in London that Dr. De Geer, former Prime Minister of the Netherlands Government, decided to go to Holland because he was anxious about his wife's health. It was reported in London last night that on his arrival in Lisbon, Dr. De Geer learned that his wife, who had remained in Holland throughout the war, was dangerously ill.

A prominent Dutchman in London said: "Dr. De Geer has been feeling his advancing age for a long time and has been pining for his family. He had grown feeble and frail. In peace-time, he was an admirable Prime Minister, but he was not the man for such a vigorous task as prosecuting the war."—Reuter.

EVACUATION OF BERLIN'S CHILDREN

PROGRESS IN THE EVACUATION OF BERLIN CHILDREN TO DESTINATIONS EAST AND SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL IS REFERRED TO BY THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE MADRID NEWSPAPER, "A.B.C." The correspondent says it is hoped that this evacuation will be complete by February 20.

The same correspondent quotes reports that His Holiness the Pope will send a message to Berlin and London expressing a desire for more humane aerial warfare.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL NOMURA IN SAN FRANCISCO

Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, arrived in San Francisco yesterday.

Admiral Nomura told reporters that there were no questions between Japan and the United States that could not be settled amicably.—Reuter.

BOMBED, IT HAD A SALE

A London store hit by a high-explosive bomb during the night did a brisk trade—selling damaged stock cheaply.

"People came sight-seeing and stopped to buy," said a woman executive.

A large notice—"Business almost as usual"—was exhibited outside the store, which was extensively damaged.

The bomb went through the roof at one end of the store. It is believed that members of the staff and occupants of flats were in shelters in the basement.

It Opened On Time

Several bodies have so far been recovered. A number of injured were taken to hospital.

It is believed that an oil bomb was also dropped. It started a fire.

Before this was got under control further damage was done to the basement from the floor above.

Some departments were completely wrecked, but in the morning the store opened promptly at nine.

Some of the stock from the wrecked departments was salvaged and transferred to undamaged departments and the staff of the wrecked departments were on duty to take orders.

LORD WILLINGTON UNWELL

The British Trade Mission to South America arrived in Colombia to-day.

Lord Willington has been compelled to abandon leadership of the mission owing ill-health and is returning to England shortly.—Reuter.

COL. DONOVAN IN JERUSALEM

Colonel Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy to the Balkan countries and the Near East, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday.

He had conversations with the High Commissioner, Sir Harold MacMichael.—Reuter.

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MARSHAL PETAIN MAKES COMPROMISE OFFER TO HITLER

ADMIRAL DARLAN, accompanied by General Huntziger, Vichy War Minister, is reported to be in Paris with counter-proposals from Marshal Petain to Herr Hitler's demands.

It is believed that the proposals suggest a compromise whereby M. Laval will be included in the Vichy Government without accepting Hitler's more drastic demands.

The Vichy correspondent of a Swiss newspaper declares that M. Laval told Admiral Darlan that he would not mind handing over French naval bases in the south of France and Tunis so long as Germany would not take over the French Fleet and the Army. This correspondent also declares that M. Laval stated that he would not join the Vichy Cabinet unless he could gain control of the Police, the Press and the radio.

More Violent

In the meantime, threats from the German-controlled press and radio in Paris continue to become more and more violent. The latest threat is that unless Marshal Petain can reach an agreement the next problem will be to save the Marshal.

A German station in Stuttgart, broadcasting in French, said, "Remember there is only an armistice between Germany and France, and peace has not been established. If the position remains the same for the present, or changes for the worse as it is likely to, Germany will have to impose much more severe peace terms. We must, therefore, warn France."

A Directorate

The latest rumour is that, instead of a triumvirate, there may be a directorate of four under Marshal Petain, the other members being M. Laval, Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Baudouin.

All reports of a solution which may be reached should be regarded as speculation.

Political circles in Berlin show great reserve concerning French policy and no declaration has been made at the Wilhelmstrasse concerning the formation of the new National Party in Paris or the attitude of the Vichy Government.

Call For Recruits

Radio stations in unoccupied France are urging young Frenchmen to join the army. This follows the recent appeals for young men to join the French navy.—Reuter.

LONDON FEARS OF TAXATION

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday, hesitant conditions prevailed at the outset and some marking down in prices occurred but, in the absence of any selling pressure, the markets closed steadier.

Industrial issues, especially tobaccos, were dominated by fears of taxation. Oil shares were occasionally a shade off, while Kniffrs closed steady. Among foreign bonds, Japanese bonds further hardened. Brazilian and Belgian issues also improved. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

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VACCINATION REFUSAL NOT BAR TO R.A.F.

Refusal to be vaccinated or inoculated is not a disqualification for enlistment in the Royal Air Force.

Attention of recruiting officers has been recently drawn to the instruction that inoculation and vaccination can only be done by consent, and that recruits must not be rejected if they refuse.

This statement is made in a written answer by Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, to Mr. W. Leach, M.P. for Bradford.

MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS IN INDIA

A further nine-hundred Italian prisoners, including one hundred and four officers, have arrived in Bombay.—Reuter.

OUTBREAK OF RUFFIANISM IN SHANGHAI

Invited to make a statement "on the outbreak of ruffianism in the International Settlement of Shanghai" Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said: "While Mr. Anthony Eden has some preliminary information on the attempt at arson at the Shanghai Race Club and the bombing of the Special District Court, he is not yet in a position to give a detailed official account of these incidents."—Reuter.

MR. C. E. GAUSS' APPOINTMENT

A message from Washington states that President Roosevelt has formally nominated Mr. Clarence Gauss, United States Minister to Australia, to be Ambassador to China, in succession to Mr. Nelson T. Johnson.—Reuter.

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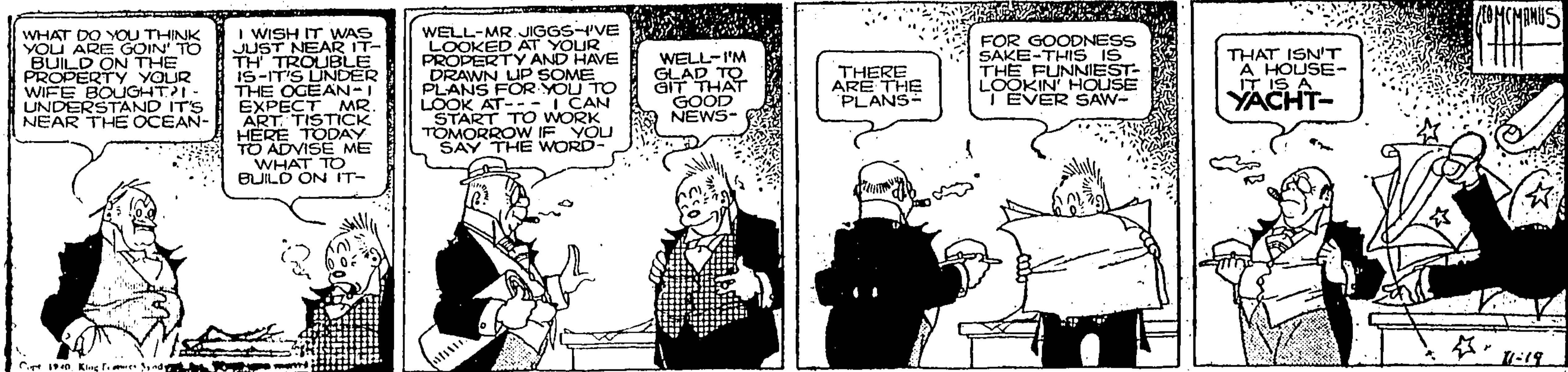
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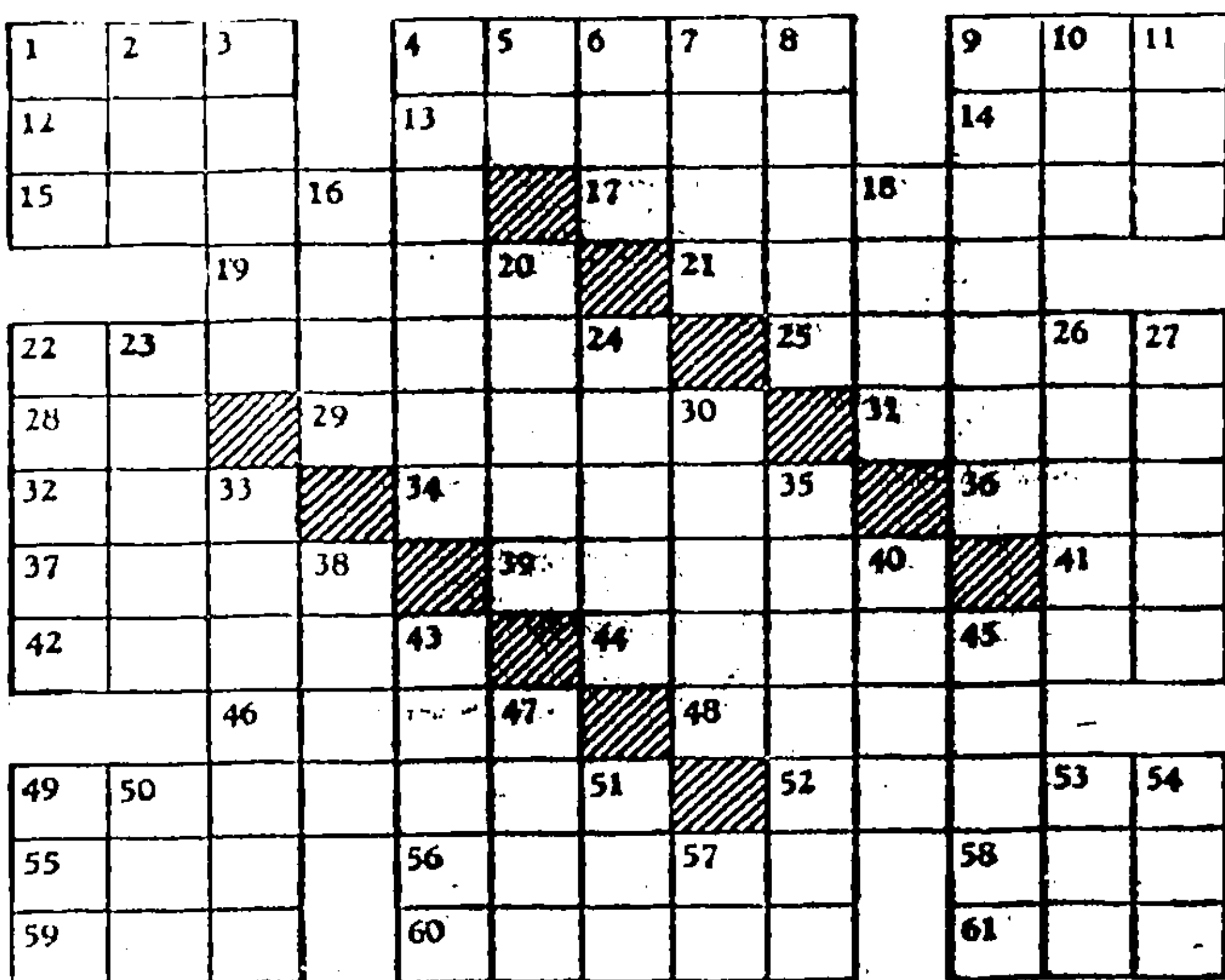
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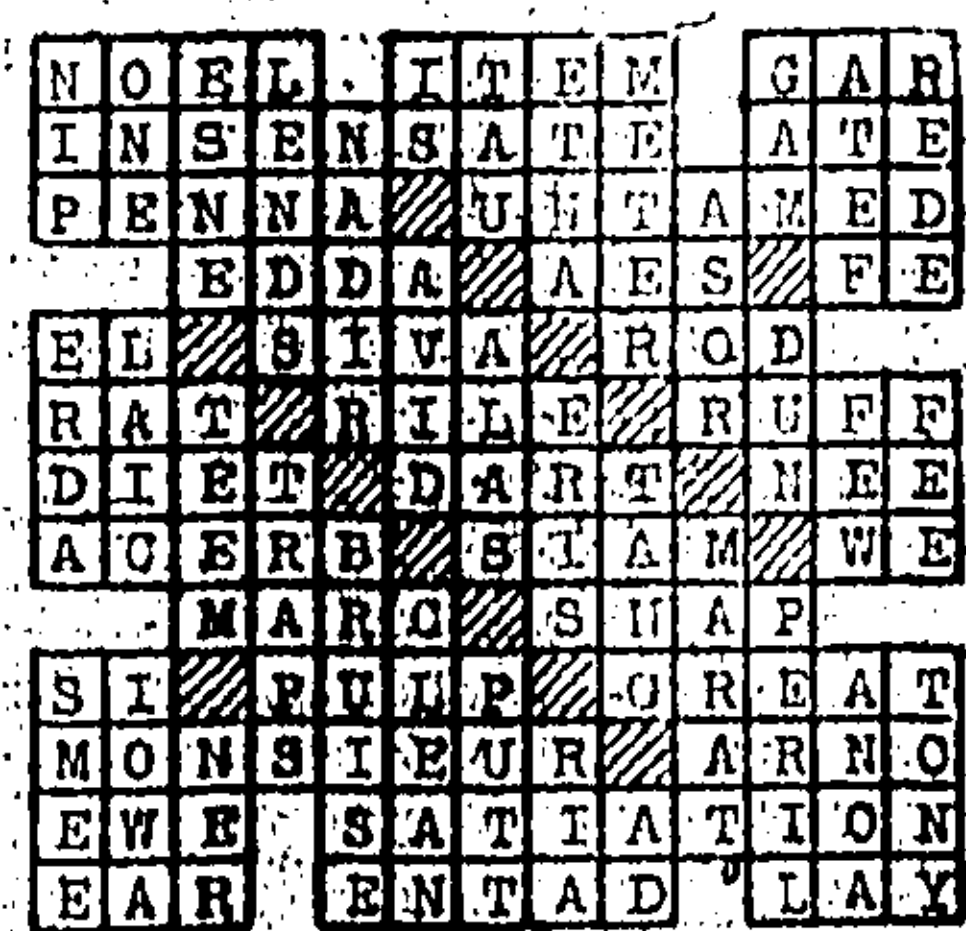
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- 38 Makes lace
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- 1 Gushing flow
- 2 Anglo-Saxon money
- 3 Banal
- 4 Colloquial: cattle-thief
- 5 Article
- 6 Nothing
- 7 Philippine aborigines
- 8 Covered conduit
- 9 To reduce to ashes
- 10 Owns
- 11 Nooks
- 12 To lie at ease
- 18 Dregs
- 20 Calyx leaf
- 22 To strike
- 23 Part of a corolla
- 24 Egyptian measure of length (pl.)
- 26 House plant
- 27 Examination
- 30 To invigorate
- 33 To talk haltingly
- 35 Venerates
- 36 To cease
- 40 Withered
- 43 Girl's name
- 45 To keep at a distance
- 47 Smooth consonant
- 49 Colloquial: to criticize
- 50 To employ
- 51 Devised
- 53 Noise
- 54 Evergreen tree
- 57 Symbol for ruthenium

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



CHOSE WEEK AMID BOMBS

Sacrificing a week's holiday, Mr. A. P. Wood, managing director of a Yorkshire chemical company, came to London and worked voluntarily for seven days as a full-time air-raid warden in one of the capital's worst-bombed boroughs.

He had never heard a bomb shell explode until the "holidays" he was not fit for military service were over and war ended.

Head warden for South West Yorks, and several villages within a radius of twenty miles, he wanted to get experience of bombing and he got it.

"Don't make me into a hero, that's just what I'm not," he said. "As a matter of fact no bombs fell near me... well, not really near. One was about twenty yards away and a few made me fall flat on the ground... but that's all."

He left his home in one of the safest villages in England to let letters of introduction to a chief warden in London. He chose the area himself.

"I thought it would be valuable if I could tell our wardens what an air-raid is like, and how to act if Snaith got a bit of what London has been getting," he said.

"I took all my own equipment and obeyed all orders... and I was a paid warden."

TRAGEDY AT INN: 4 ACCUSED

Four men were charged at Edmonton Police Station in connection with the death of a woman who was shot at an off-licence during a night air raid.

The woman was manageress of the off-licence, which is attached to the Alexandra Park Tavern, Wood Green.

It was disclosed at the inquest that she was married and that her name was Gwendoline Louisa Wherman. Her maiden name was Cox and she was known at her place of business as Miss Cox.

Philip Leonard Wilson, insurance agent of Duckett Road, Haringey, said the woman was a friend of his.

She was forty-three years of age and had been previously married to a man named Wherman. He understood that she had been divorced. He knew nothing about her husband.

Dr. Temple Grey, pathologist, of Harley Street, said death was due to shock and haemorrhage from a gun-shot wound in the chest.

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Brave Dust Storm

Between December 6 and 7 an Indian division, under cover of a dust storm, left their concentration area near Marsa Matruh and concentrated apparently unobserved, after a 25 to 50 mile march, near Kenayis to the south-west. On the following day the division moved some fifty miles further to the west into an area about 15 miles south-east of Nibeiba camp where the Italian armoured forces under General Maletti which included elements of a Black Shirt division were located. Here our troops were joined by armoured units. The Italian position had been reconnoitred during hours of darkness and it was found that the defences were definitely weaker on the south-west than elsewhere. It was accordingly decided to attack the camp from the south-west, but at the same time with the aid of some artillery and infantry to create an impression of an attack from the south-east. During the night of December 8/9 the troops moved to their assembly positions for the attack the noise of their movements being covered by aircraft which flew over the camp and dropped bombs. Artillery was brought up into position within 700 yards range of the enemy forces.

Hand-To-Hand Fighting

The attack began about 7 a.m. on the morning of the 9th and was preceded by a short but heavy concentration of artillery fire on the enemy defences. Simultaneously our tanks attacked and reached the defences about 7-30 a.m. They were closely followed by British and Indian infantry who had been brought up in motor transport to within 800 yards of the enemy positions. The tank attack was covered by a smokescreen and broke through the enemy lines. Many enemy tanks were caught while they were still in their tank park with their engines warming up.

They were fired on while still in rows and were soon on fire. The Italians were evidently heavily shaken by the tank attack following so closely on the artillery bombardment and by the almost simultaneous arrival of British and Indian infantry who swept through the camp.

There was, however, a considerable resistance in the south-east corner of the camp where hand to hand fighting took place. By 8-45 a.m. the whole of this large defended camp was ours. Some 2,000 prisoners were taken immediately, some thirty enemy tanks were destroyed and twenty-five to thirty guns of various calibres captured in addition to many light and heavy machine-guns.

Tummar Attacked

Following on the capture of Nibeiba the Indian division moved northwards towards Tummar West which formed part of another Italian defended position, some 5 to 6 miles north of Nibeiba. By 12-30 p.m. the reconnaissance of this position had been completed. An attack was launched from the north-west along the normal line of entry into the camp at 1-45 p.m. Our tanks entered the camp at 2 p.m. followed by two infantry battalions, one British and one Indian, who swept to the right and left respectively as soon as they had penetrated the defences.

700 Captured

A further Indian battalion formed a defensive flank to the east to guard against any counter attack which might be launched from that direction. The attack was completely successful. Our men were in high spirits and three thousand prisoners and many guns were taken in the Tummar position. During this time other troops of the Division staged an attack on the Italian position of Tummar east. This was executed by a detachment of tanks and an Indian Battalion. The attacking force passed through our troops while under shell fire at about 3-15 p.m. — the Indian Battalion in lorries and cheering madly. This advance ran into an enemy counter-attack which had just been launched. One Company of the Indian troops got out of their lorries and bringing their automatic weapons into action, killed about four hundred of the enemy, while another Company captured about seven hundred more who surrendered on seeing the fate of their fellows. Altogether about one thousand prisoners were taken in this particular action and as darkness fell they were led off to Tummar west, the main position of Tummar east was occupied early next morning the night being spent in the vicinity of Tummar west.

Enemy Trapped

The attack was continued on the morning of December 10 against further minor enemy positions between Tummar west and Sidi Barrani, more Italian prisoners being captured. At 4-15 p.m. an attack, supported by artillery and tanks, was launched to secure the Sidi Barrani road to the east of that place. This attack reached its objective easily, opposition being only slight. On December 11 operations were continued to trap the enemy in Sidi Barrani and were carried out in cooperation with other portions of our forces operating to the east. In this drive the remnants of a Black Shirt Division and a Libya Division were caught and surrendered. In the meantime one of the brigades of the Indian Division had been mopping up Italian positions to the east to Tummar west. The Italian garrison of a defended position known as Point Ninety was summoned to surrender.

Slight Casualties

They at first agreed to do so and then changed their minds. Accordingly they were attacked by our tanks and Indian infantry. The attack had just entered the position when the enemy surrendered, three to four thousand prisoners being taken. In the zone of the Indian Division, no more organised enemy resistance remained and the rest of the day was spent in mopping up and collecting Italian prisoners and material. The full extent of our casualties has not yet been ascertained but they are known to have been remarkably slight in view of the extent of the operations and the strength of the Italian positions. — A. P.

FROM CHINA WAR TO BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The Rev. Douglas Sargent travelled over 10,000 miles to jump from the frying pan into the fire.

He's left one war to find himself in the middle of another.

Mr. Sargent is a missionary from China, where black-outs and air raids (Japanese) are quite the normal thing.

"What's the chief difference you find between being bombed by the Japs and the Nazis?" a reporter asked.

Stripping Bridge

"Jap air raids last no more than a few minutes, though they're frequent enough," says Mr. Sargent.

"The chief difference is that the Chinese don't mind how often enemy pilots bomb their bridges. They are careful beforehand to strip them of everything except essential girders and an occasional sleeper. Result is that the bombs merely drop through the bridges."

He adds that trains have, of course, to crawl rather perilously over these naked structures. You can't have everything!"

ICELAND PRAISES BRITISH

The excellent relations which exist between Icelanders and British troops occupying their country are described by M. Thor Thors, Iceland Consul-General in New York, in an interview published in the "Herald Tribune."

Estimating the size of the occupying force, which includes Canadians and Norwegians, at "perhaps 60,000 soldiers"

"I want to stress the fact," he added, "that cooperation has been perfect between the Icelandic and British police, and, most important to us, the British have not interfered with the affairs of our Government. Our radio and Press have remained free, and we can hear every night news from London and Berlin."

MOSLEYS GENEROUS IN LIBEL CASE, SAYS K.C.

BEARDED SIR OSWALD MOSLEY and his wife Lady Mosley came from gaol and went into the witness-box at the Law Courts to deny statements which had been published about them in the "Daily Mirror" and "Sunday Pictorial" newspapers.

They had sued the proprietors for damages for libel, and M. G. O. Slade, for the newspapers, said that Sir Oswald and Lady Mosley had displayed considerable generosity in consenting to a settlement of the actions.

Sir Oswald and his wife entered the court at the same moment by opposite doors. Because of his beard, Sir Oswald was not recognised by some people in court until he was called to give evidence. Lady Mosley was accompanied by a waitress.

Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C. for the Mosleys, said that the "Daily Mirror" referred to regulations which allowed rich Fascists a diet of chicken washed down by magnums of champagne, bottles of red and white wine, and the services of a private batman. These statements were false.

It was wrongly alleged against Lady Mosley that, by unfair and

underhanded means she had avoided imprisonment. She was, in fact, arrested at five minutes' notice when her baby was still unweaned.

Sir Oswald, in the witness-box, denied that there was any truth in the newspapers' statements.

"Have you received any special privileges?" he was asked. "No," he replied, and added: "In fact, some of our treatment has been the reverse of privileged."

"That observation is quite unnecessary," said Mr. Justice Hawke.

Lady Mosley formally denied that she had in any way interfered to delay her arrest.

Mr. Slade said that the moment the newspapers found they were misinformed as to the facts they hastened to make honourable amends for the injustice unwittingly caused.

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INSIDE FRANCE

"SHOULD BRITAIN FAIL"

One passage in a telegram addressed to Mr. Roosevelt by advocates of greater aid to Britain must challenge the least attentive reader of America's newspapers.

The signers of this message urge the President to inform the country "clearly and boldly of the possibilities of English failure and of the consequences to us and to our children's children should Britain fail."

"Should Britain fail." What, Americans may ask, is the very best that they can expect if that dire thing should come to pass? A brooding and uneasy peace; a peace in which they would continue to arm feverishly because they could not trust the future; burdens of taxation such as they cannot contemplate on the basis of any experience they have had thus far; their own democracy refashioned into some kind of totalitarianism as they struggled both to support a war economy and to hold a dwindling share of trade. And the worst?

Britain under fascism; the Dark Ages again in Europe; enemies on two fronts; the spectre of invasion.

Between the United States and this grim prospect there now stands England: not imperial England, not the England of the Black-and-Tans, not the England of the old school tie, not the England of the House of Lords, but the England—or Britain—of millions of common, hard-working, long-suffering men, women and children who could end the war by a surrender to-morrow if they brought pressure on their Government, but who steadfastly refuse to do so.

If Americans face the facts they realise what bulwark it is that protects their young men from the danger of battle and the rest from the hardships that would be "should Britain fail." That bulwark, at the moment, is not the British Empire, or the British Army, or the British Air Force, or even the British Navy which has guarded the seas so long. It is the bodies of British civilians, exposed of their own free choice to mutilation and death. It is these men and women, in nightly peril, who give security and make "isolation" possible.

News from France during the past few weeks has been scanty, but from such reports as are available there appears to have been little or no change in the material situation of that unfortunate country. But there is evidence of a striking change in the frame of mind of many French people. It is true that M. Laval, the apostle of complete submission to Germany, remains in Paris, where he receives such orders as Abetz may choose to give him. You may remember that it was Abetz who so skilfully directed the Nazi campaign of propaganda, bribery, and corruption in France—and Paris in particular. In the months immediately preceding the outbreak of war, and just as then he found Frenchmen who were ready to act as his tools, so now there are some who apparently feel that the best hope for France is tame submission to an enemy who has never concealed his long-standing determination to reduce their country to the status of a third-class power.

In her present plight France can't hope, of course, to put up a successful resistance to any German demand, however onerous it may be. Yet there is a world of difference between willing subservience and the sullen performance of a rebellious heart. To their credit some members of the Vichy Government seem to do as little as they can to please their German task-masters, but it is not from Vichy that the seeds of French resistance will be sown. The signs that France, the real France, is not dead come from elsewhere. Enough is now known to encourage the belief that parts of certain sections of the community will say no more than that—are beginning to drag themselves out of the slough of despair into which they were plung-

ed by the sudden and unexpected breakdown of French resistance. One of these signs is evidence of a very definite change of attitude towards Great Britain.

Until Germany began her so-called aerial blitzkrieg against Britain many millions of people across the Channel were in a state of fiery resentment against Britain for a variety of reasons. After the first terrible shock of sudden and utter defeat had passed away they began to wonder how and why it had happened. For a time the sins of their own politicians and the shortcomings of their military organisation were rightly

By
Thomas Cadett

regarded as the chief causes of the disaster. But there is always a natural tendency to shift the blame for failure upon someone else's shoulders, and this was cleverly exploited to the full, both by some of the guilty parties and by the Germans themselves.

Obviously it was to the advantage of those who might otherwise have been called to account that the justifiable bitterness of the nation as a whole should be diverted against another target. So you found the Lavalists, the Bonnets, the Flaminios, and their like encouraging their countrymen to believe that Great Britain was the villain of the piece. The Britons had forced them into war, they had failed to give them the support they had promised, they had cut and run, leaving them (the French) to face disaster. To make the accusation more plausible, charges were trumped up

against such advocates of continued resistance as Paul Reynaud, Mandel, and others. The Germans themselves were delighted with this tendency and did all that they could to encourage it. You can see for yourselves the advantage to Germany of having a France which would transfer her hatred of the invader to her former ally. Every imaginable form of lie and distortion was used in the process, and for a time it came off.

Let me give you an example. I recently met a French airman who was in Morocco when the unhappy incident occurred at Oran (where the British were obliged to take action to prevent the French Fleet from sailing off to surrender and—inevitably—to seizure by the Germans). This airman told me that when he heard about the action he bitterly regretted it, but nevertheless felt that the British could have done nothing else. But then he heard that British aeroplanes had fired upon defenceless French sailors struggling in the water, 'I was boiling with rage when I was told this,' he said. 'If I had had a plane at that moment, I would have taken it up and bombed anything British within reach. But two or three days later I heard the truth. When your planes flew over our ships, they were fired upon by French machine-guns from the shore, and it was the sight of their bullets whipping down again into the water which led people to believe that you British had been guilty of a wicked crime.' I may add that the truth has never been allowed to reach the French people.

Another thing made the French people hope for Britain's defeat. It was the belief that if she went under Germany would be so busy wreaking revenge upon Britain that she would have little time to

spare for taking it out of France, who would thus escape relatively lightly. I personally think that this belief would have proved a fallacy. There is enough greed and brutality in the German make-up to produce plenty of misery for all. However that may be, the belief certainly existed, and so large numbers of Frenchmen—though not all, of course—awaited with resignation what they expected to be Britain's early and crushing defeat.

Well, here Britain is, still uninvaded, being heavily battered it is true, but firm on her feet and giving as well as taking punishment. And suddenly Britain's former allies across the Channel are beginning to realise that for the first time since he started his march towards world domination, Hitler has struck a snag—and a very nasty one at that. He has, as the French say, 'tombe sur un bec de gaz'—run up against a lamp-post. And with that knowledge has come wisdom and new hope. The wisdom lies in the realisation that in a British victory alone lies any possibility of restored freedom for France; the hope lies in the evidence Britons have given of their capacity to hold on grimly and steadily increase their strength at the same time.

It would be absurd to suggest that the result has been to set all France upon the road to that passive resistance and stubborn spirit of non-cooperation which can do so much to hamper the task of any conqueror. But I do believe—and many independent Press reports confirm this—that more and more people are beginning to hope for Britain's victory, more and more sincerely wish her well, more and more take delight in what they hear of the heavy price she extracts from Germany in the air, both in her defensive and offensive operations. And I believe, too, that the Germans themselves have begun to realise this. At first the attitude of the Nazi Army of Occupation was scupulously correct, and for a time this had its effect, making the French feel that after all perhaps the Germans were not as black as they had been painted. There is no reason to believe that even now the actual demeanour of the German troops has changed for the worse. But by now the French people see that they are being politically but firmly held white for the benefit of their conquerors. It would be bad enough if the tributes forced from them were limited to the huge sum for the cost of the Army of Occupation.

But in addition, in the occupied zone worthless marks set at a preposterous rate of exchange are being used by the Germans to clean out the French shopkeepers, while large-scale requisitioning of foodstuffs is going on throughout the entire land. Some of this food is requisitioned by the Germans on the ground that it is needed for feeding the vast band of French soldier prisoners in their hands. Actually these unfortunate men are being kept on the verge of starvation, and the food stolen in their name is shipped off to Germany to fill the bellies of their conquerors, who for so long accepted the dictum of Goering that guns come before butter. These things are beginning to leak out, and not all the anti-British propaganda in the world will blind reasonable Frenchmen to the fact that ruthless exploitation is the penalty of their captivity. It will not be long before they realise, too, that once the German soldier has done his work of aggression and conquest, his victims are turned over to the vile gang of bullies and torturers under Himmler, known as the Gestapo.

You may ask, 'But what can they do, these Frenchmen, even if they now realise the full consequences of defeat, even if they now want Great Britain? My answer is that the French are intense individualists, rebels even, by nature. They are capable of infinite and subtle variation of passive resistance. Nor are they cowards, once they believe that their efforts are not doomed to failure. Some of them, no doubt, are still cowed and dejected by defeat. Others have little or no concern but for their immediate needs and problems: food, work, shelter, the reunion of broken family bonds. But there is evidence that the old Gallic pride and spirit of independence which so recently appeared to be crushed for ever, is still there and once again beginning to raise its head.

Public Opinion In War

The extent to which freedom of opinion is allowed in England was, even in peace-time, a constant source of surprise to foreigners. One experience I had of it, shortly before the outbreak of war, left a particularly strong impression upon my mind. London, even then, had its bombs, the I.R.A. believing at that time that they could terrorise the British public by senseless acts of violence.

Bombs were exploded in railway stations, on bank premises and in the neighbourhood of power stations. A number of people were killed and injured.

This terrorism had been especially outrageous one Saturday afternoon. Bombs had caused damage in several areas, and members of the I.R.A. crossing to England among a crowd bound for London to see an international football match, had attempted to set fire to the ship.

Late that afternoon, I was walking down Edgware Road. At a street corner a large crowd was collected around an open lorry, which was serving as an improvised rostrum. Half a dozen youths stood beside the speaker and held up a big flag—the colours of the Irish rebels. The speaker was shouting in an excited voice, hurling fierce invective against England and the British Government.

Many of his listeners were on their way back from an afternoon in the West End and had seen all the broken glass, the damaged shop windows and the ambulances carrying off the injured.

And yet they listened attentively to the speaker without showing any resentment, or making the least attempt to demonstrate against the youths who undoubtedly sympathised with the terrorists.

Nor did the police interfere. They too heard every word uttered from the platform by various speakers.

If, as would have happened in any other country, a forcible attempt had been made to silence the speaker, the police would have intervened at once, but in defence of the Irishmen, in defence of freedom of speech.

Freedom In War

Has the war affected this opinion-minded, democratic attitude? Not in the least, so far as concerns the individual's right to express his opinion, to stand up for his be-

liefs, to criticise, and to exercise his traditional liberties. In wartime, of course, even Britain has to ensure that through the Press, public speeches and other channels no information shall reach the enemy, which might prejudice military operations or betray vital secrets.

Nor can the Government allow enemy agents, under the plea of "democracy", to carry on mali-

By
Eugene Lennhoff,
noted Swiss journalist, now
living in London.

cious defeatist propaganda or suffer members of the "Fifth Column" to do the enemy's spade-work.

Except, however, for this obvious restriction, Britain still enjoys complete freedom of opinion, of speech, and of the printed word.

There is no such thing as a controlled press and no office or department of the Ministry of Information to prescribe to newspapers the opinions they shall publish.

Sense And Censorship

There has been a censorship since the beginning of the war, but its activities are advisory and not repressive. It is concerned with news, not views, and it interferes in no way with the exercise of criticism in the widest sense.

Unlike other countries, Britain knows nothing of editorials and other articles, in which blank spaces represent the censor's mutilations. The practice—especially common in France until her collapse—of ruthlessly cutting all opinions distasteful to the authorities, thereby making the pages of newspapers resemble a crossword puzzle, is inconceivable in England.

Not a single newspaper hesitates to criticise sharply, and as often as it sees fit, government action, military operations, or industrial measures.

The papers have not become colourless news-sheets, whose function is merely to reproduce official views and beat the patriotic drum.

On the contrary, they keep a

close watch on every phase of the war and on all ministerial orders, and they are outspoken in their opinion as to the wisdom of the government's policy.

They polemise as sharply as before the war, while cartoons—notably those of the inimitable Low—are not a whit milder or less caustic than in time of peace.

Patriotic Critics

It is true that press criticism in England does, for the most part, aim at being positive. It is not inspired by a mere wish to pillory the cabinet or individual ministers or government departments.

The men responsible for British press opinion are fully aware of their responsibility, and their criticism, blunt and unsparing though it may be, is intended as a contribution to the victory of Great Britain and the cause for which she is fighting.

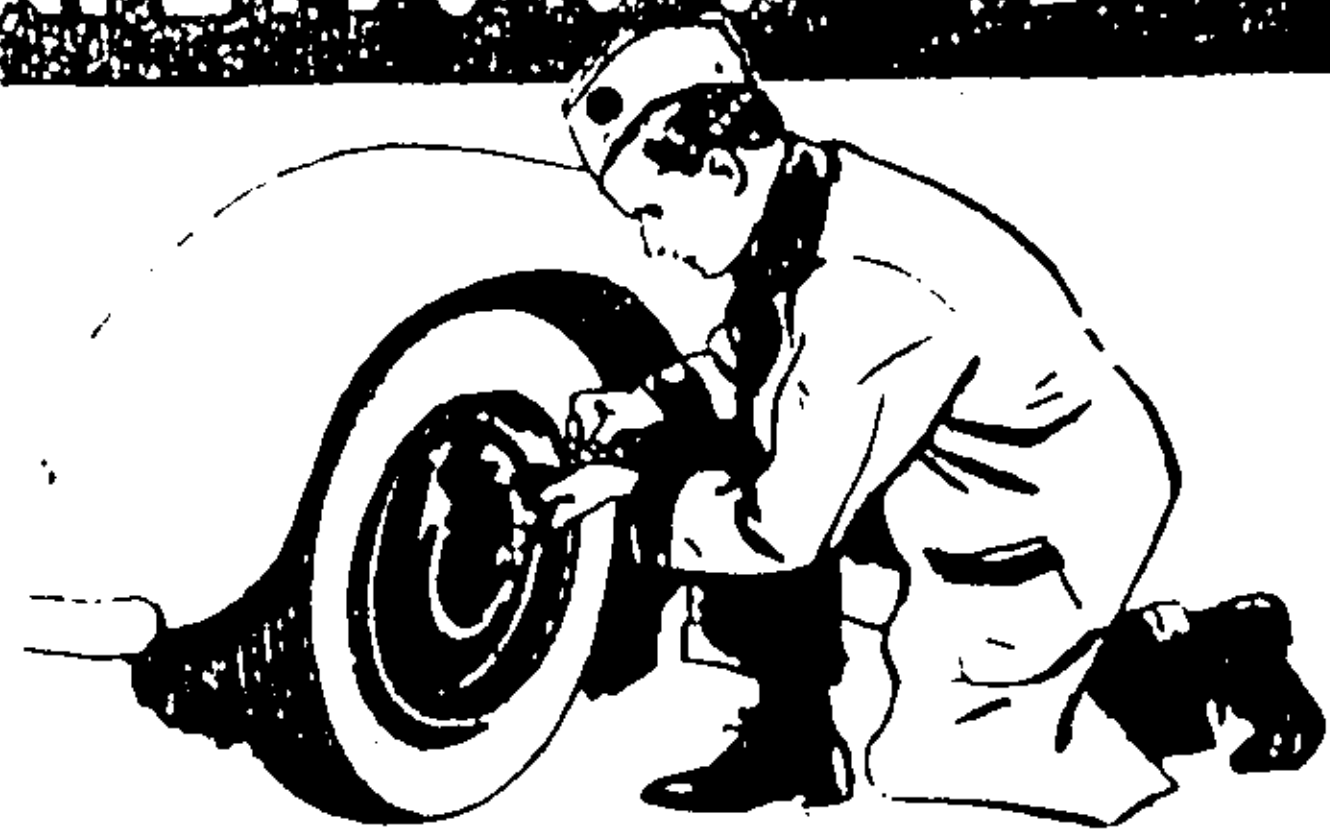
How far this sense of responsibility goes is best judged by the fact that articles striking a strongly critical note appear more and more over the signature of the writer.

It is extremely interesting to observe the reaction of public opinion to this unfettered exercise of freedom of the Press. The uncertainty, the nagging, the discontent and dangerous underground campaigning so general in countries with a controlled press, are altogether absent in wartime Britain. All the more so, because every individual who has a grievance or suggestions to make on a matter of public interest can give expression to his private opinion in one of those "Letters to the Editor" which play so large a part in the life of the British Press.

Just because it possesses freedom of opinion even in wartime and makes full use of it, the British Press has an extraordinary influence upon the morale of the nation.

The admirable spirit in which the people of Britain have stood up to the trials and distresses of German air bombardment is due in no small measure to the sense of security they derive from freedom of the press, to the knowledge that Britain is not only fighting for democratic ideals, but also upholding them through darkness and danger.

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100 VILLAGERS PUT OUT 1,000 FIRE BOMBS

TEN INCENDIARIES a head was the fire-fighting record of a south-eastern hamlet when 100 men, women and girls put out 1,000 blazing bombs.

Their hamlet is so small that the gazetteer describes it only as a locality, credits it with a "p.o.," but no "pop."

Eighteen-year-old Diana Leonard heard the hiss of the incendiaries, saw them burning in the rafters of the next bungalow. She ran out in her pyjamas, wearing a bed-room slipper on one foot, her brother George's gumboot on the other.

That did not prevent her climbing a six-foot fence, to drop into the garden as her father, head of the local Home Guard, shovelled an incendiary out of the window.

She scooped handfuls of earth, smothered the fire. She did that three times, has three Nazi canisters on her bedroom mantelpiece as trophies.

She is dark-haired Mrs. Hilda Shanks, has six. But she had seventy-year-old George Dallimore help her. She should have been sheltering under a billiard table.

She meant to until she saw an incendiary fall from her roof on to the coal shed. Coal is so difficult to get over muddy country lanes, that she ran out in her nightdress and gum boots, dug earth from the cabbage patch, and put out the bomb.

Then she carried out bucketfuls of earth to Mr. Dallimore as he extinguished others.

Big Family Bag

Across the garden the Patricks worked equally hard. Nineteen-year-old Edith ran out in satin mules fit only for flitting across bedroom carpets. She helped her sixty-year-old mother and her father to deal with fourteen incendiaries.

Theirs was the highest family bag.

The local constable saw bombs flaring on a wooded heath, was afraid they would make a beacon for heavy bombers, marshalled men, led them up the hillside and with his team disposed of about 100.

Ex-builder Colin Thick saw the ring of flares, picked four men to go to the cluster of houses round the village shop, asked ten others to disperse as best they could. The fifteenth man stayed behind to telephone the nearest large town for assistance.

It was not needed. Thanks to the turn-out from every cottage all the fires were dead when the engine clanged through the lanes.

At only one house did the fire catch hold. But A.F.S. men dealt with that so quickly that when the raiders did return there was no light to guide them.

And the only bomb dropped in the village found an orchard, uprooted two apple trees and blasted the windows of nearby houses. No one was seriously hurt.

Commented Diana Leonard: "It just awakened the village up. That's all."

The Little Flower Club, King's Park, is giving an instrumental and vocal concert at the Club Hall on Wednesday next at 6 p.m. and Thursday evening at 9 p.m.

WOMEN ARE WORRIED LESS OVER HAIR

War has made women more reasonable over their hair-dressing — especially on those delicate occasions where the question of damaged hair arises.

The experts of the Hairdressers' Insurance Bureau, who specialise in dealing with customers' complaints on hair treatment, on behalf of hair-dressers in all parts of the country, find this war has had a mellowing influence.

As fewer women are having "fancy treatment," fewer lawsuits arise out of allegations about hair damage.

1 Per Cent

Most hairdressers insure against damage to their clients' hair, because of the large number of actions which have in the past been taken against them.

An official of the Bureau told a reporter:—

"It is estimated that 1 per cent. of women who take elaborate hair treatment claim damages against their hair-dressers.

"But they are now settling these claims more amicably.

"In the case where women's jobs depend on their appearance — such as barmaids and receptionists — hair damage is really serious and might mean the loss of their jobs."

FRENCH EDITOR'S REPLY TO VICHY

M. Pierre Laval, the former editor of the "Paris Soir," one of the Frenchmen deprived of their citizenship in Vichy, told a New York reporter:—

"Those who reinstated Paul Ferdinand, the traitor of Stuttgart, as a French citizen, to-day deprive me of my citizenship. One action may be judged in the light of the other.

"I left France after the Armistice with a passport regularly stamped by the Ministry of the Interior, the Military Bureau and the police authorities. I left on the suggestion, and I would even say on the advice, of several Ministers in Marshal Petain's Cabinet."

DUGOUT IS NERVE CENTRE OF RAILWAY

(By A London Correspondent)

THE OTHER DAY I asked whether the railways had a properly organised intelligence service. Recently I was told, or rather shown, the answer. A divisional superintendent of one of our great railway systems conducted me round the control room of his division and expounded its mysteries.

The work is done in a long, narrow dugout, 6ft. below the earth's surface, close to an important railway station. Desks running along its two sides support upwards of 30 telephones at which the staff work ceaselessly.

Here is the nerve-centre of the district. One group of busy men control passenger traffic, one freights, another supply engines, a fourth see to it that every train has a guard.

The passenger section is responsible for keeping the whole system — and, incidentally, the public — informed what trains may be expected, and when.

Obstructions

One man to whom I spoke has for his subject "Obstructions — their Cause and Cure." His working hours are spent in an endless variety of improvisations, in conjunction with all kinds of outside authorities. He showed me a sketch-map of the division as it was in the early morning of Sept.

16, the day after the biggest mass air attack, with every bomb-hole marked in red.

Why then, you ask, if all is so thoroughly organised, do Press and public complain of lack of adequate emergency services?

The answer is simple. The railway's greatest problem is maintenance of communication. If a line is bombed there is a considerable chance that the telephone wire may be bombed, also. Often, therefore, it happens that the arrival of a train is the first inkling that a stationmaster may have that the line to his station is working again.

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FRENCH FEELING CHANGING UNDER THE NAZIS

GERMAN OCCUPATION of Paris has brought widespread hatred of the invaders among the French and has aroused hopes for a British victory in French hearts, Mrs. Jessica Hensley, an American who has lived in France for twelve years, said on her arrival in New York. Mrs. Hensley was in the vicinity of Paris when the Germans came there.

"It took the French some time to realise what it meant to be defeated," she told a reporter of the New York "Herald-Tribune." "At first they were stunned and they were happy, too, that war was over, that Paris had escaped bombing. They were bitter against the British who, they said, had taken their troops out of France. They met the Germans without any animosity.

"I heard a number of French people say in June and July that perhaps Europe should be reorganised on a new basis and that the Germans would be able to do it. But this state of mind did not last long. The French are intelligent people and they saw very soon that instead of organising them, the Germans were looting France.

Appalling Misery

"The misery in occupied France is appalling to-day. No one has practically ever enough to eat. Unemployment is general. Qualified workers are forced to go to work in Germany, because if they do not their dole and their ration cards are taken away from them. And without a ration card one cannot live in Paris. Even with a ration card one lives miserably enough."

Mrs. Hensley gave the present rations in Paris as follows: 12.5 ounces of bread a day, 12.6 ounces of meat a week, 3.5 ounces of fat a week, two ounces of cheese a week. Milk is sold only to babies, she said, and soap is hard to find; and people who have no fuel to stand in the mud, their ration, as there is not enough of anything.

Mrs. Hensley went to live in Paris in 1928 with her husband, a world war veteran who contracted tuberculosis soon before the current war and died. She was forced to leave France because the blockading of all French accounts by the British Government made it impossible for her to draw her money from the United States.

The American Embassy in Paris helped her to obtain from the German Administration in Paris her permit to leave.

"The Germans are not nice to Americans since Roosevelt's re-election," Mrs. Hensley said. "They kept my passport for a week and when they were asked for it they said rather arrogantly, 'You know we are very busy. You just have to wait.' Before the election they granted permits much more quickly."

Hardships of Winter

The early arrival of winter in France last year brought indescribable hardships to the French, according to Mrs. Hensley. At the freezing in November, and few people in Paris had coal for heating, she said. "The Germans are allowing 125 pounds of coal a month for an apartment with three people, but even this ration was not available in some parts of Paris. The quality of the coal is very poor. It is known over there that the Germans need coal to make synthetic gasoline, and other ersatz products. They don't care if the people are cold. Their own people are heated all right. The difference that is made between the Germans and the French and which reminds the French constantly they are defeated, makes the French hate the Germans more and more every day."

Asked whether Jews were barred from restaurants and cafes in Paris, Mrs. Hensley began to laugh. "I shall tell you a story which I know is true," she said. "A few restaurants only have signs 'No Jews Admitted.' A Russian restaurant in the Etoile district has such a sign, and one evening, when it was full of German officers, two obviously non-

Aryan men came in and sat down.

"The waiter was embarrassed. He asked them whether they had seen the sign, and they said 'yes,' but calmly asked to be served. The waiter called the manager, and the dialogue was repeated. Not knowing how to put the visitors out, the managers asked a high German official to talk to the two Jews. The official asked if they had seen the sign. They said 'yes,' but did not budge. They just calmly announced themselves as members of the Soviet Embassy in Paris."

Troops Constantly Moved

Mrs. Hensley frequently took the train from the Gare du Nord in Paris to her suburban home, and every time she said she saw trains of German soldiers leave the station or arrive there. This made her believe that the German high command was constantly shifting the men, allowing them only a brief time in the capital.

"I travelled down to the Spanish border with a wine merchant from Rheims," she concluded. "He said that 8,000,000 bottles of champagne had been taken out of Rheims by the Germans. They were paid for, of course, like everything else, with marks, for the Germans never simply requisition anything. They buy, and their means of purchase are unlimited. When our train passed through southern France where there used to be thousands of geese kept for four years, a neighbour showed me that there were no more geese to be seen. And so it is with everything in France. There is no more of anything. It is the children who suffer most, I think."

DUNKIRK MAN ON MURDER CHARGE

Leaning over his wife, whom, it was alleged, he had shot and bayoneted only a few minutes before, Clifford Holmes, 24, a driver in the Royal Engineers, took her hand and said: "Irene, speak to me, because I love you."

This was stated at Manchester Police Court when Holmes, who took part in the evacuation of Dunkirk, was committed for trial accused of murder.

Mr. West, prosecuting, said that last August Mrs. Holmes injured herself in jumping 13ft to escape from her husband, who seemed to have been obsessed by sexual depravity towards his wife and appeared to have been degenerating into a species of sexual maniac.

POLICE FIND ALL FAMILY DEAD

A soldier, his wife and their baby were all found dead in bed at their home in Priory Road, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, when the police forced an entry.

They were Sidney Wigley (22), his wife Agnes (18) and their baby, Ann, 11 months.

Mrs. Wigley had not been seen for nearly a fortnight, and a sister informed the police.

It is understood that they had been gassed.

KISSED SHOT WIFE, PRAYED

Shooting his wife because she had an incurable illness, a weeping soldier knelt by her bedside and kissed her pallid lips, praying that she might die.

The jury at Gloucester Assizes found the soldier guilty of murder but insane and recommended him to mercy.

Mr. Justice Charles said he considered the verdict rather cruel, as the only order he could now make was that the man be detained as a criminal lunatic until his Majesty's pleasure be known.

Wept Beside Her

He had directed the jury that there was no evidence of insanity. Had they found the soldier guilty of murder with a recommendation to mercy he would doubtless have been reprieved and very soon released.

Frank Flintoff, aged thirty-one, of Worthing Road, Patchway, Bristol, had been told by a doctor that his wife's creeping paralysis was incurable.

He pleaded not guilty to murdering her and their baby daughter.

Married in June, 1938, they were a devoted couple. Mrs. Flintoff's illness became evident soon after their marriage. After the birth of the daughter in April last year her malady progressed rapidly.

It was alleged that Flintoff shot his wife with a rifle while she was in bed, and then shot his baby daughter. While his wife was waiting to be taken away by ambulance his tears fell upon her face as he prayed that she might die.

Flintoff was alleged to have told the police: "There was nothing for her but worse pain and suffering. For the baby there was no future I could leave her to. I thought it best she, too, should be spared the possible misery of being an orphan."

Heartbreaking

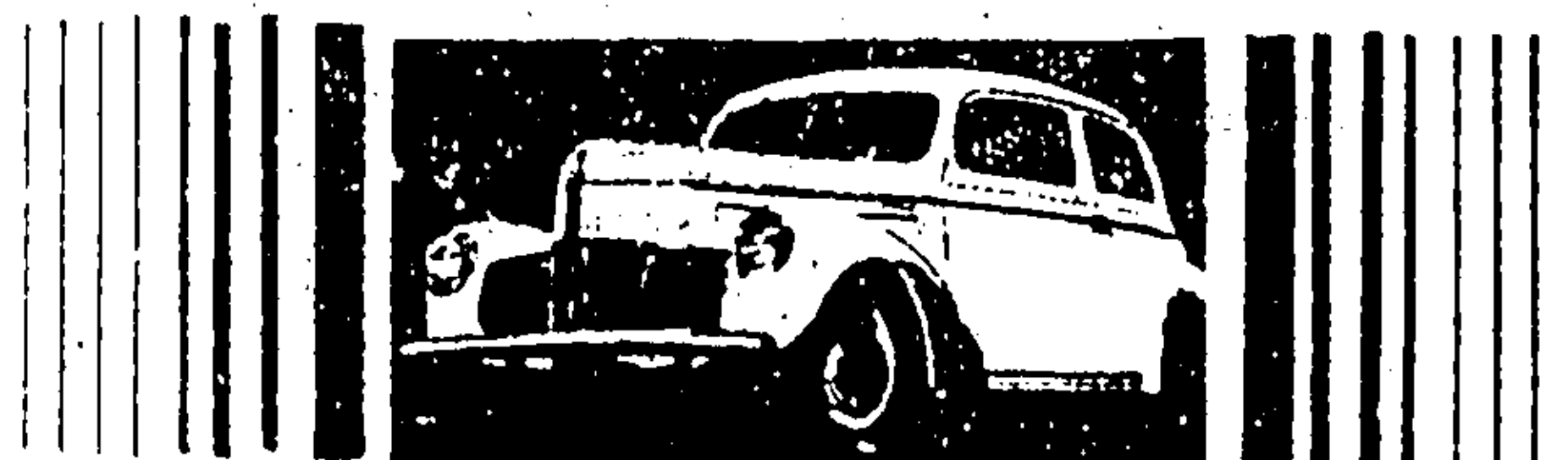
Mr. J. F. Bourke, prosecuting, described the case as heartbreaking, but said there was no question of insanity.

In Flintoff's defence, Mr. A. J. Long, K.C., said it seemed diabolical that a fellow creature should have to go on suffering so cruelly. It was a fair inference that Flintoff's mental control and balance collapsed and that he did not know what he was doing.

Mr. Justice Charles, summing up, said the law was clear: no one must take upon himself the right of killing a sick person. There would be little security for the sick, for it might not always be that they were killed for love.

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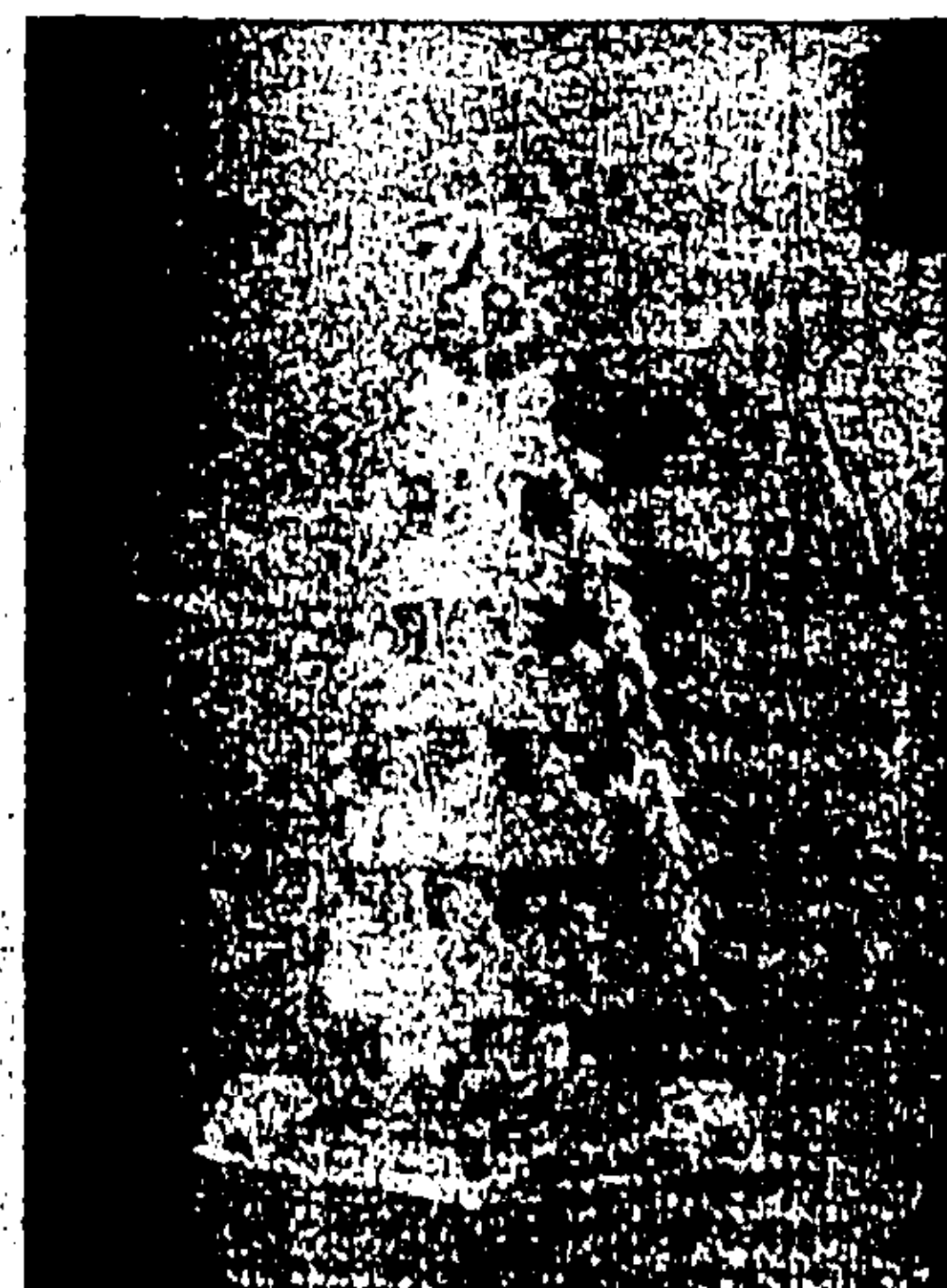
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By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
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Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY!
NO. 29

By The Four Aces

Crime and criminal should be easy to spot in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

6, A K 10
A Q J 10 6
8
A Q 10 4
5 2
6
K Q 10 6
4 2
9 8 5 2
Q J 9 8 7 3
7 3
A J 7
6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of diamonds, South winning with the Ace. South ruffed the low diamond with dummy's spade King, returned to his hand by overtaking the spade ten, and ruffed the diamond Jack with dummy's Ace of trumps. Next he laid down the heart Ace and continued with the heart Queen. East ducked, and West ruffed. West then returned a club, and South lost the finesse and the slam together.

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When dummy has a long suit and a short suit, a good player will almost always go after the long suit first, using the ruffs more or less incidentally.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

7
A Q J 8 6 3
K J 9 4
K 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maler	You	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You have a good suit and can afford to play for eight tricks at hearts even if your partner has only a singleton heart. There is no reason to jump, since partner's bidding is weak; and to show the diamonds at this point is poor policy.

Score 100% for two hearts, 70% for two diamonds, 20% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 633

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Maler	You	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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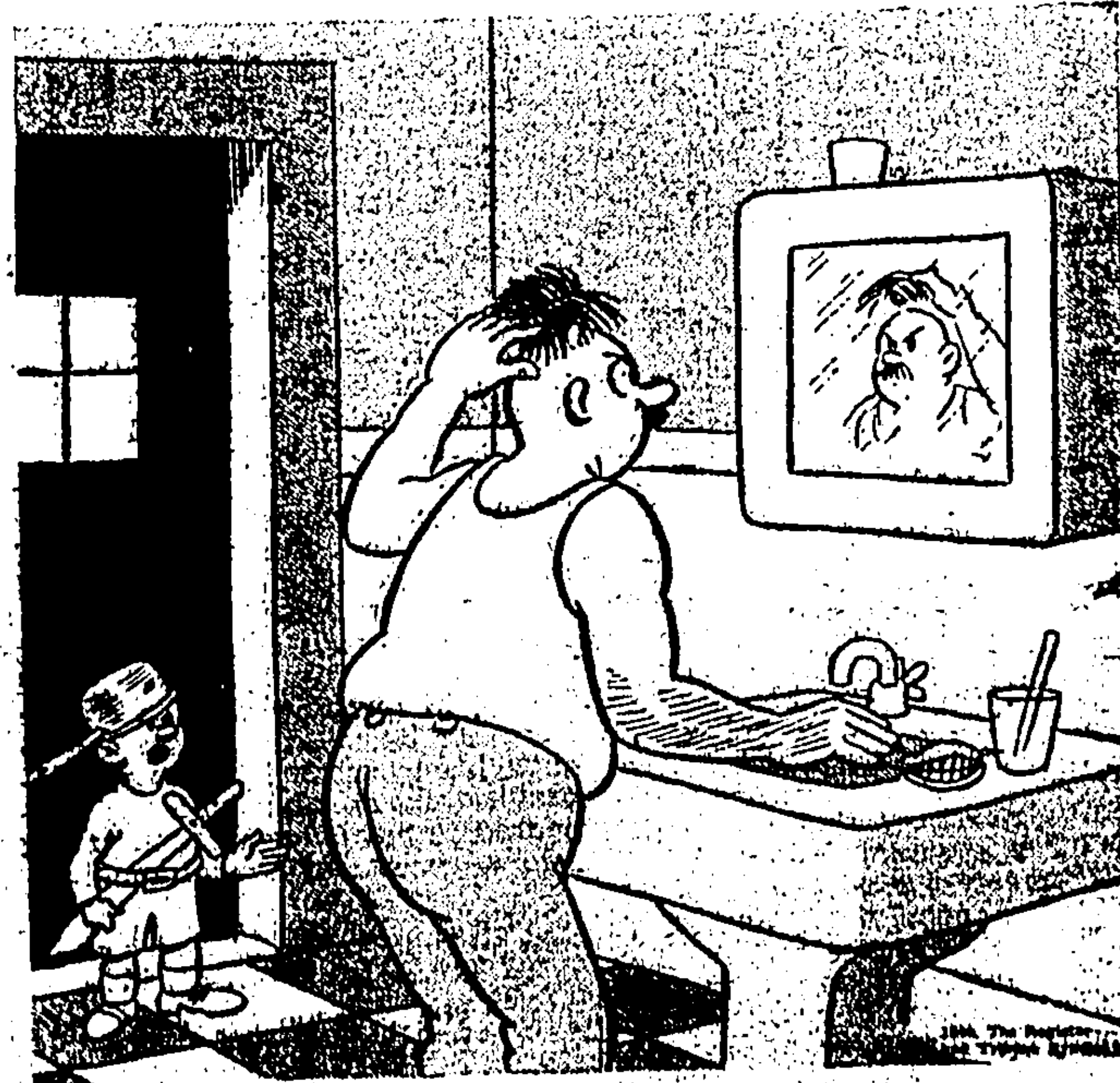
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It will not be possible to have desks. The children will sit round the walls on the forms, but they will be snug, for draught-proof doors are to be fitted.

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By ED REED



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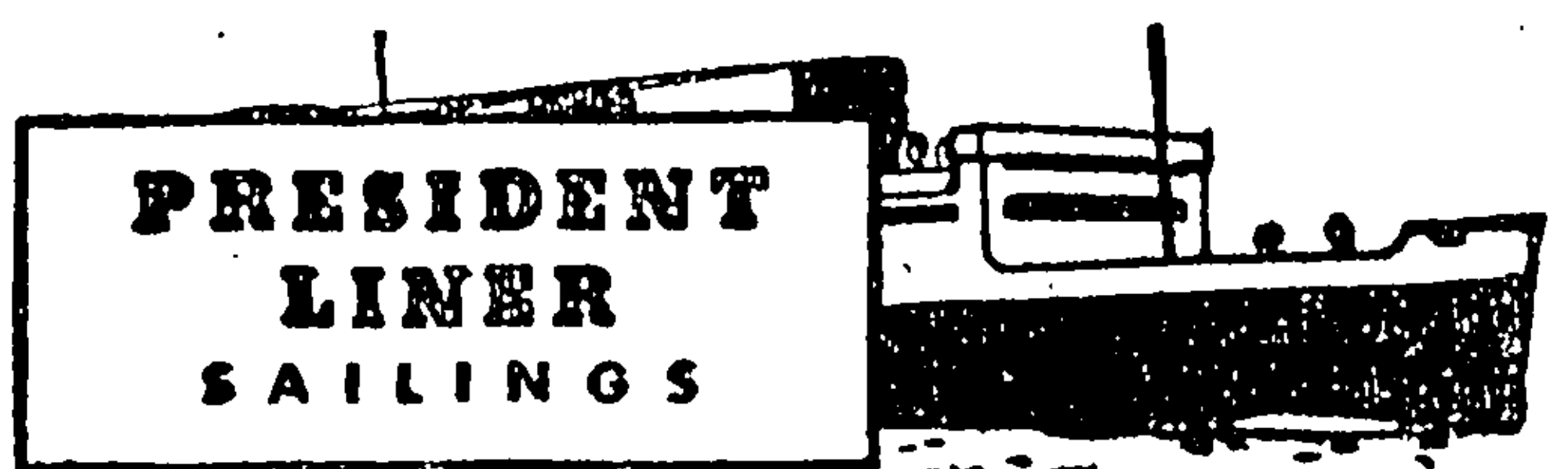
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Items.
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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News &
News Commentary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Books
& People'.
9.45 p.m.—Brahms—Sontata in F Minor,
Op. 120, No. 1.
10.10 p.m.—Puccini's "La Tosca" Act I.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via Honolulu.

Asama Maru	Tuesday,	11th Feb.
Tatuta Maru	Tuesday,	25th Feb.

SEATTLE & VANCOUVER (Starts from Kobe)

Hie Maru	Wednesday,	12th Mar.
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SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Hilo &

San Francisco.

*Sanuki Maru	Thursday,	20th Feb.
(starts from Kobe)		

NEW YORK via Japan & Panama

*Nosire Maru	Saturday,	15th Feb.
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila

Husimi Maru	Wednesday,	26th Feb.
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SAIGON

*Dakar Maru	Sunday,	23rd Feb.
(Cargo accepted for Saigon)		

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo

*Lisbon Maru	Tuesday,	11th Feb.
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RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

*Toruga Maru	Friday,	7th Feb.
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KOBE & YOKOHAMA

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Asama Maru	Tuesday,	11th Feb.
Tatuta Maru	Tuesday,	25th Feb.
Atuta Maru	Monday,	3rd Mar.

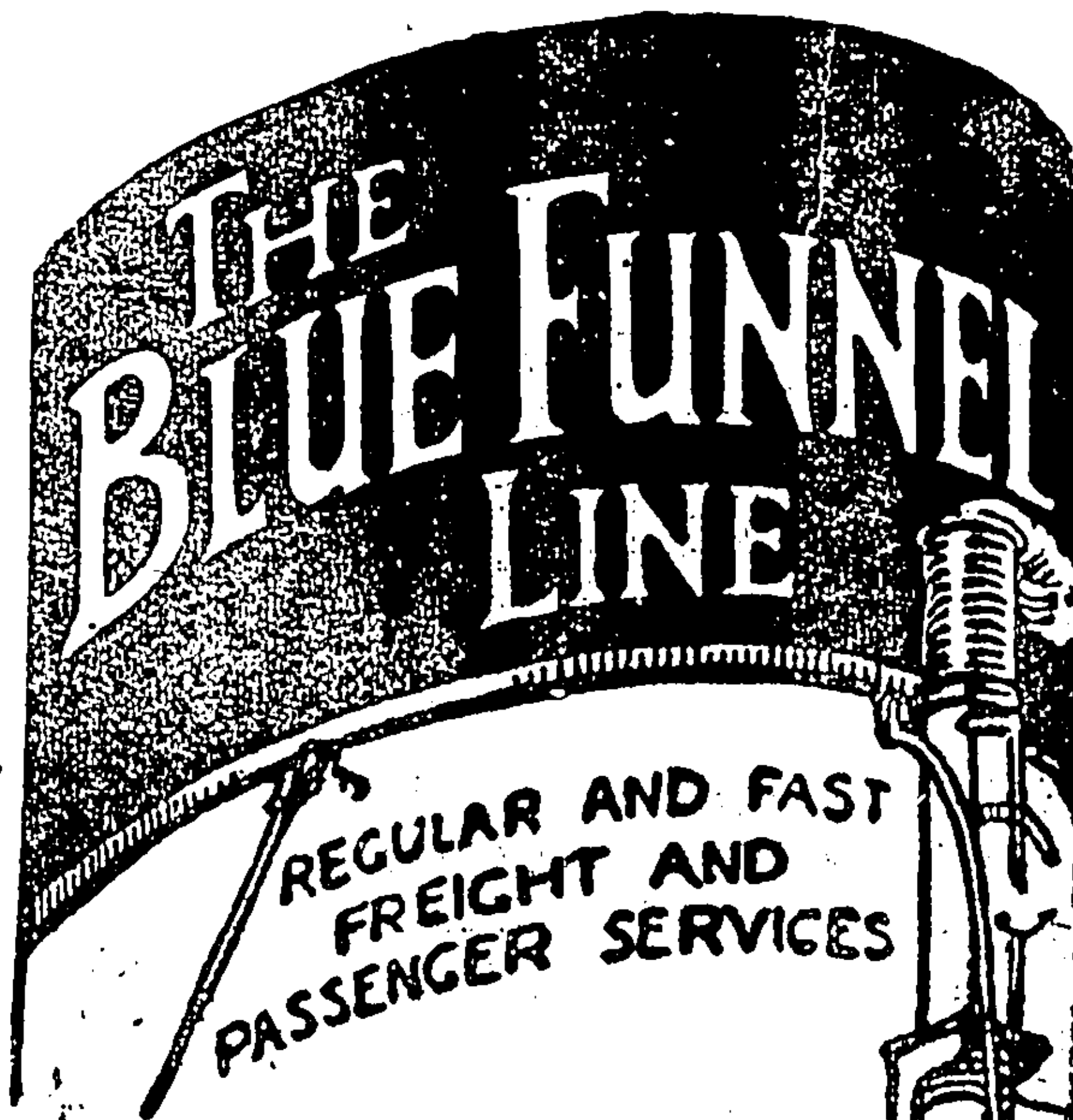
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Endeavour Strongly Favoured For The Rooty-Hill Derby

Prairie View Outstanding Entry For Austral Derby

Outstanding Griffins And Subs. Discussed

By "Rapier"

HAVING GIVEN MY VIEWS ON THE NEW CHINA GRIFFINS IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES, I WILL NOW DEAL WITH THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES. TWO CLASSES OF THESE PONIES WILL FIGURE IN THE ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL WHICH STARTS ON SATURDAY WEEK, SUBS, AND THE GRIFFINS, THE LATTER BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

In view of the large number subscribed for this year, I will confine my remarks firstly on the Australian subscription griffins and then the griffins.

After having watched the new ponies in training for some time, it is now possible to pick out the more prominent of the entries for the Rooty-Hill Derby, which, although not attracting as much attention as the Hong Kong Derby, is nevertheless considered by owners an exceptionally good race to win.

This event has attracted 66 entries out of a consignment of 113 ponies. For some weeks past, and during the remaining days prior to the commencement of actual racing, the burning topic of conversation has been, and will continue to be, who will win the 1941 Rooty-Hill Derby?

I don't think I am far wrong in stating that Endeavour, belonging to Mrs. Chuong He-yen, is, at the moment, the favourite. This pony has invariably done well in training and after watching its recent gallop over the Derby Distance with Mr. Peter Wei up, against Iron Belle (riding boy), a griffin, when it clocked 3.01.1, with a last quarter of 27.4 apparently without effort, I am confident that it will be hard to beat providing its further training does not suffer any setback.

Endeavour will in all probability give its owner the privilege of being the first lady to win this important race since its inauguration.

Sydney Diamond, belonging to Diamonds, has also been freely mentioned as a likely winner of the Rooty-Hill Derby. Good as this pony is, however, I doubt its ability to beat Endeavour over this distance.

A Good Bet

In my opinion, Santa-Anita, belonging to Mr. Chiu Ki-tan, comes next to Endeavour. After its convincing gallop recently over the Champions distance in 2.26.3, with a last quarter of 29.3, this pony has come in for a good deal of attention, and for those who make it a practice of looking for outsiders, this pony should be kept in mind. It will be ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang. Mr. Necan has a fine looking pony in United Express but it appears to me to lack the strength for a race as gruelling as this. It is definitely good, however, and should account for some of the



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Araxy II, belonging to Mr. T. M. Gregory, showed excellent form when it completed 1½ miles in 3.06.4, a creditable performance. I hardly believe it to be good enough for the above ponies, however, although it might account for some of the less important events.

Vitamin M is another pony which has a strong following. It is in the pink of condition at the moment and it will not surprise if it places.

Mr. Black Must Be Reckoned With

Castle Hill may not be up to the standard of the ponies mentioned above but Mr. Black will be on top and one cannot, at this stage, tell what this combination will do, while Strathalbyn, belonging to Mr. J. F. MacGregor, is more of a sprinter than a stayer and in my estimation is not good enough over this distance to do very much.

Bendmeier, owned by Mr. P. M. Hoo, is certainly good to look at; it has the appearance of a speedster and I was favourably impressed with one of its recent runs with its owner up. This pony should be kept in mind for sprint events even if only an also ran in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

Messrs. Shields and Stanton own Manhattan, which, quite sturdily built, has potentialities, and Black Seal, belonging to C. H., proved itself a stayer when it did 1½ miles in 3.17, with 29.2 for the last quarter during a recent trial run, and should be a dangerous contender for this event if given a good jockey.

The ponies I have mentioned are undoubtedly the best of the current year's subs, and I think the Rooty-Hill Derby winner will be among them, with Endeavour, Sydney Diamond and Santa-Anita having the best chances.

GRIFFINS

As far as the Australian Griffins are concerned, main interest will be centred round the classic event, the Austral Derby, which will be run on February 17. The new arrivals have done some fast work during recent weeks, and while it is no easy matter at this stage to spot the likely winner, I do not think I will be far wrong in naming Prairie View, belonging to Mr. Li Lan-sang, as the pony most likely to succeed.

Powerfully built, it has proved itself a stayer—it recently did the mile in 2.00 with a last quarter of 28.1 without being fully extended—and it should command most attention.

Mr. Li has also entered three other ponies, Distant View, Misty View and Mount'n View, but Prairie View is better over long distance races, although Distant View should prove a worthy understudy.

Marsh Warbler Next Best

Next pony of importance is Marsh Warbler, owned by Pearstur. This good looking chestnut,



I understand, will be under the control of Mr. Donald Black, our champion jockey. It was recently taken out by him for a 1¼ miles gallop, which it covered in 2.32 with a last quarter of 27.1. It should certainly prove dangerous over the Derby distance.

Mr. Greedmaka has two worthy representatives in this event, either of which will have to be reckoned with, both are good long distance ponies, although I like Colooma better than Canberra.

Mr. Eu Tong-sen will be represented by three ponies, Fleetwing, Gay Fox and Gloaming, and although he has not to date met with any success in classic events with this class of pony, on this occasion he will no doubt expect much of Gloaming for which he paid \$8,100, the biggest price fetched by any animal at the auction.

At the present stage it is doubtful whether this pony will be good enough to win the Derby. Its movement at the moment is not too impressive, but another week or more of hard training may make a lot of difference.

King's Welcome Worth Watching

Mr. Dynasty has King's Welcome to represent him in this race; this pony gave a glimpse of its prowess over this distance last month, when it clocked 3.05.4.

FOOTBALL MATCHES POSTPONED

Owing to Volunteer Camp and military exercises the following First Division Football games for this week-end have been postponed:—
Club v Middlesex
Police v Royal Scots.

WEEK-END CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent Craigengower in a Second Division League Cricket match to-morrow against Recreio at Happy Valley:
A. M. Omar (Capt.), U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. Hong Sing and W. K. Way.

The following will represent Craigengower Seniors in a friendly Cricket match to-morrow against Army at Sookunpoo:
E. Zimmern (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, G. Souza, J. L. Young Saye, A. N. Other and A. N. Other.

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club against Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly junior Cricket match to-morrow at Chater Road:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), N. D. Booker, J. C. Brown, G. J. P. Carey, W. G. Finnie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Patterson, E. W. Pudney, D. S. Robb, C. M. Stark and W. Stoker.

Sunday's Match

The following will represent China Light and Power Co., Ltd. in a friendly Cricket match against Recreio on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. on the latter's pitch:

A. B. Clemo, C. F. Wood, A. C. Tinson, Walter, J. Brown, J. W. Bertram, W. Tillery, P. M. N. da Silva Jr., F. J. Lay, M. A. Remedios, A. E. Noronha, and P. d'Almeida.

COLONY CHESS

D. E. de Carvalho drew with E. Zimmern in the only match to be completed in Round 2 of the Colony Open Chess Championship played at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

The game between C. M. Sequerra and L. Karpovich was adjourned about 8.30 p.m. The game between G. S. Coxhead and K. Weiss was postponed to Saturday.



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"A" Division

	P.	L.	W.
K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee (University "A")	9	0	9
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio)	9	5	4
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	9	6	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplanavan and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	4	2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1	2
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	9	7	2
A. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	9	7	2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. K. Cheuk and S. Amplanavan (University "B")	3	3	0
H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	15	1	14
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	15	2	13
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	12	0	12
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	9	0	9
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	12	5	7
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	15	8	7
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0	6
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	9	3	6
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	9	3	6
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	12	6	6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	9	4	5
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	12	7	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2	4
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	12	8	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	3	0	3
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	3
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3	0	3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3	3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3	1	2
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	3
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	9	7	2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	1
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	1
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
A. R. Pollak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. Pollak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (V.R.C.)	9	8	1
J. MacDonald and H. Dingsdale (Police)	9	8	1
(J.R.C.)	6	6	1

BADMINTON NOTES

KING'S AND K.C.C. IN GOOD POSITION IN "B" DIVISION

By "Adrem"

LEAGUE BADMINTON in the course of the week provided little of interest, only fact of note being another win for University "A" over Chinese Y.M.C.A. in "A" Division.

University "A" have now won all their three matches, giving them six points as against the two points scored by their "B" team in two matches, which makes the latter the next best on the list.

Two new players were introduced to the team, M. P. and Y. P. Young, who did very well recently for the "B" team, and this pair were the only combination to drop a game, Au and Peter Wong being the successful Y.M.C.A. pair.

Junior matches on Wednesday were all one-sided and the leaders of the respective sections, King's College and Kowloon Cricket Club, both consolidated their positions at the expense of weaker teams, and are the only clubs in the division to be still unbeaten.

K.C.C.'s Task

Whereas King's should manage to win their section, however, I

think that K.C.C. will have a much rougher passage as I cannot see them repeating their victory over St. John's. Much depends on naval duties and Lieut. Eardley's inclusion in the St. John's side may make all the difference between K.C.C. winning or just losing the sectional championship.

Kowloon Tong, after starting off the season with a big flourish, go from bad to worse although it must be said in their favour that they have been exceptionally unfortunate in the matter of injuries and other misfortunes.

Frank Kwok has been unable to play for some time and although Peter Fletcher revealed that he is still a force to be reckoned with in helping Richard Lee to win two games, the other pairs were much too weak to make any sort of a challenge to the home team.

Gillies And Gordon Again

Kowloon Cricket Club lost only one game to Police, Gillies and Gordon being responsible for the only success registered by the home team, when they beat J. L. Anderson and Jones.

It is a strange fact that the latter pair, although they have played together throughout the season, appear to be the weak link in the K.C.C. team notwithstanding the fact that the third pair has rarely been the same. Zimmermann and Hazell did very well in their first outing together to go through the evening without a defeat.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

Owing to pressure on space Army Sportlight has been held over and will appear to-morrow.

INTERPORT HOCKEY PROBABLES

A Probable Interport Hockey eleven will meet the Combined Indian Military team at 3 p.m. to-morrow afternoon on the Navy ground, by kind permission of the Commodore, in a practice match. The following are requested to turn out:

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (Club) and J. P. Gonsalves (Recreio); R. Marques (Recreio); W. A. Reed (Club) and N. B. Whitley (Club); 2/Lieut. N. S. Cole (Rajput Regt.); T. S. D. Whitley (Club); Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa); E. Fowler (C.B.A.) and W. Brown (Police).

Reserves.—A. E. P. Guest (Khalsa); A. M. Alves (Recreio); D. T. Smith (C.B.A.) and W. Parker (Police).

COMBINED SERVICES RUGBY XV

Following have been selected to represent Combined Services against Combined Volunteers on Saturday, at Sookunpoo.

Honeywill (Navy); Bowden (Navy); Douglas (Army); Coombes (Army); and Richards (Army); Carter (Navy); and Morgan (Army); Sutherland (Army); Ford (Army); Manfield (Air Force); C. P. O. Wtr. King (Navy); Millan (Army); Heath (Army); Bompass (Army); and Page (Army).

10 Y.M.C.A. PLAYERS BEAT SIGNALS

By "Sportshawk"

In a scrappy friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday, Y.M.C.A., who were one player short throughout, defeated Signals by 3 goals to 1, after both sides had scored once in the first half.

Whitburn, who was seen at left-back for Y.M.C.A. yesterday, came here with a big reputation but was a total disappointment. He showed neither stick-work nor combination, although his not being accustomed to local conditions and lack of practice, might have been responsible.

The game produced very little of interest and only a few players caught the eye.

Outstanding were Hitchcock and Spenceley for the winners, and Wright and Gorman for the losers.

Ure scored the opening goal for Y.M.C.A. and Wright netted the equaliser for the soldiers, while, on the resumption, Hitchcock registered two quick goals to decide the final issue in favour of Y.M.C.A.

Y.M.C.A.—Shields; Turner and Whitburn; Smits; Gilchrist and Banks; Macey, Spenceley, Hitchcock and Ure.

SIGNALS.—Clegg; Shepherd and Wathen; Rumsford, Gorman and Holstead; Wilkins, Roelick, Coombe, Wright and Cogbill.

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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

THE first round of the Senior Shield football competition was featured by a gigantic struggle between Sing Tao and Middlesex in which the latter were decidedly unfortunate in losing by the only goal scored by Kwok Ying-kee early in the game.

As in their first meeting in the League at Seokungpo Middlesex had most of the game and only risked half-hearted and out-of-hand kicking them from all over the drawing.

Chung Wing-chun was the Chinese hero and some of the saves he brought off were well nigh miraculous.

He substantiated a remark made some time ago by a ardent follower of the game that he was worth three men in the defence.

Royal Artillery made an auspicious debut in the Senior Shield competition and gave a much better display than was generally expected. Combination was lacking but the Gunners gave evidence that with proper coaching and training they would do well against most teams in the Senior Division.

Artillery were without the services of several good players who belonged to Batteries still interested in the Junior competitions and with their inclusion Gunners might have done better still.

A well-chosen Combined Royal Artillery team would be a drawing card against a Chinese team for a match in aid of Charity or the "South China Morning Post Bomber Fund."

Royal Engineers, undefeated team of Second Division, must feel their Shield defeat at the hands of 36th Royal Artillery very much. This was one of the games they could not afford to lose; a couple of dropped points in the League would not have mattered so much.

36th Royal Artillery are only a Third Division team—though they did apply to play in Second Division at the beginning of the season. They did not allow Sappers to play their usual game and this was a contributing factor to their win. Added to this Sappers missed the services of Palmer at back as neither Chung Ying-kuen nor Tsang Yung-pak had the physical attributes necessary against the Gunners.

30th Royal Artillery, holders of the Junior Shield, lived to fight another day against Signals, another Third Division team, when they shared four goals on Saturday. Gunners have much to thank Guy, in the pivotal position, for. In the closing stages of extra time Gunners came near scoring but were prevented by the sterling work of the Signals defence.

Another Third Division team to cause a surprise was International, who accounted for Kwong Wah juniors by 4 goals to 1. Elms, former St. Joseph's player, turned out for International.

A meeting of the League Management Committee will be held to-night to decide the dates of the Final of either the Lai Wah cup Competition or the Final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition.

Macao are visiting the Colony on Tuesday and Eastern have obtained the necessary permission to play them on that day.

Lee Ting-sang, the Sing Tao full back, who broke his arm about 10 days ago, is now able to manipulate his fingers and whistles away his time playing mah jong.

In spite of the numerous postponements during the season there are very few outstanding in Second and Third Divisions.

There are, however, a number of postponed games in First Division and most of these will be rearranged at the end of the month.

After unanimous agreement on the interpretation of the "Charging Rule" and obtaining the concurrence of the Football Association, the Referees' Association are now divided in their opinions.

The matter was again discussed at great length at the monthly meeting of referees last Tuesday and it has been proposed to ob-

Bowling Alley Jottings

By "Strike"

Two matches were played on Friday, in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition.

The first was between L/Cpl. Wilkins of the Royal Corps of Signals and Sgt. Doyle of Royal Artillery.

Wilkins' handicap was plus 30 and Doyle's plus 40, and Wilkins won by 45 pins, the scores being—

Wilkins 481 and Doyle 426.

Wilkins was expected to win, but he might have done even better had he not made the poor score of 136 in his second game.

Doyle did not appear to be as comfortable as usual, although an average of 145 with handicap, was quite fair bowling. He also had some bad luck in his last game, which resulted in him making only 120 pins.

The other match played on Friday was between S. A. L. and L. S. Nunn of Royal Engineers.

Ismail's Easy Win

Ismail's handicap was plus 24 and Nunn's plus 36, and the contest was comfortably by 63 pins.

The scores were—

Ismail 501 and Nunn 433.

Feature of this game was the remarkable consistency of Ismail, his lowest score being 165 and his highest 168.

Can starting from home on this point.

It is understood that there will be no changes possible in the Civilian, Scotland, and Football teams for the Finals of the respective competitions.

There might have been a different tale to tell had Nunn not made a bad 100 in his second game. As it was he managed to average almost 145 pins, including his handicap, but his inconsistency has always been a source of wonder to me. He made scores of 158 and 145 and then dropped down to a mere 100.

Watts' Good Win

Another good match was played on February 1, between Cpl. Watts and Signalman J. McLaren, both of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Watts' handicap was plus 20 and McLaren's plus 43. Watts therefore conceding 23 pins per game, undoubtedly a formidable handicap.

However, Watts managed to win, despite his handicap, by 52 pins, the scores being—

Watts 531 and McLaren 479.

The Mighty Fallen

On Tuesday Cpl. Blount of Royal Corps of Signals, who is without doubt one of the best bowlers in the Alleys, was defeated by Master Gunner Cooper of Royal Artillery, in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition.

Blount's handicap was plus 17 and Cooper's plus 43.

Cooper won very convincingly by no fewer than 65 pins, the scores being—

Cooper 540 and Blount 475.

It can therefore be seen that Cooper almost held his own without the advantage of the high handicap, another spare for Cooper, and he would have beaten Blount level. He would also have

accomplished this feat, had he not put up a mediocre score in his second game—he only registered 139—while he made a good 174 in his first game and 151 in his third game. As it was his average, including his handicap, worked out at 180 pins per game.

It is beyond my comprehension why Blount bowled so badly. He was completely off form. I do not remember him putting up a 139 in any previous match. This score he made in his first game, with 157 in his second. His usual score is usually between 190 or 200 per game. He certainly had a bad match.

Close Finish

There was an extraordinary close finish to the match between Jackie Odell and M. el Arculli played on Wednesday, the occasion being another match in the Singles Handicap Competition. Odell just managing to scrape home by six pins.

Odell's handicap was plus 33 and Arculli's plus 43.

The scores were—

J. H. Odell 458 and M. el Arculli 452.

It certainly looked any odds on Arculli winning because he was well ahead with a 60-pins lead at the end of the second game, but Odell came up on his third game with a good 197 pins, while Arculli dropped down to 121 pins. Actually Odell pulled up on his last game by 66 pins to win by 6—a spare for Arculli would have given him the match.

Devlin's Fine Effort

Signalman W. Devlin of Royal Corps of Signals has been playing

good steady Ten Pin Bowls in the Alleys lately, but he was inspired on Wednesday, when he compiled a brilliant 235 pins score, the record in the Alley for this month to date.

His effort was made up with six strikes in a row, a spare on his seventh frame, a strike on his eighth frame, a nine on his ninth frame, a strike on his 10th frame, and an eight with the two extra balls, really good going.

In the course of the same evening he had four good scores in succession, 179, 203, 235, and 198, a total of 815 pins or an average of 204 pins per game, so there is nothing wrong with this player's bowling.

The records for the month of January, were as follows:

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Men's:—Corp. H. Elount 246

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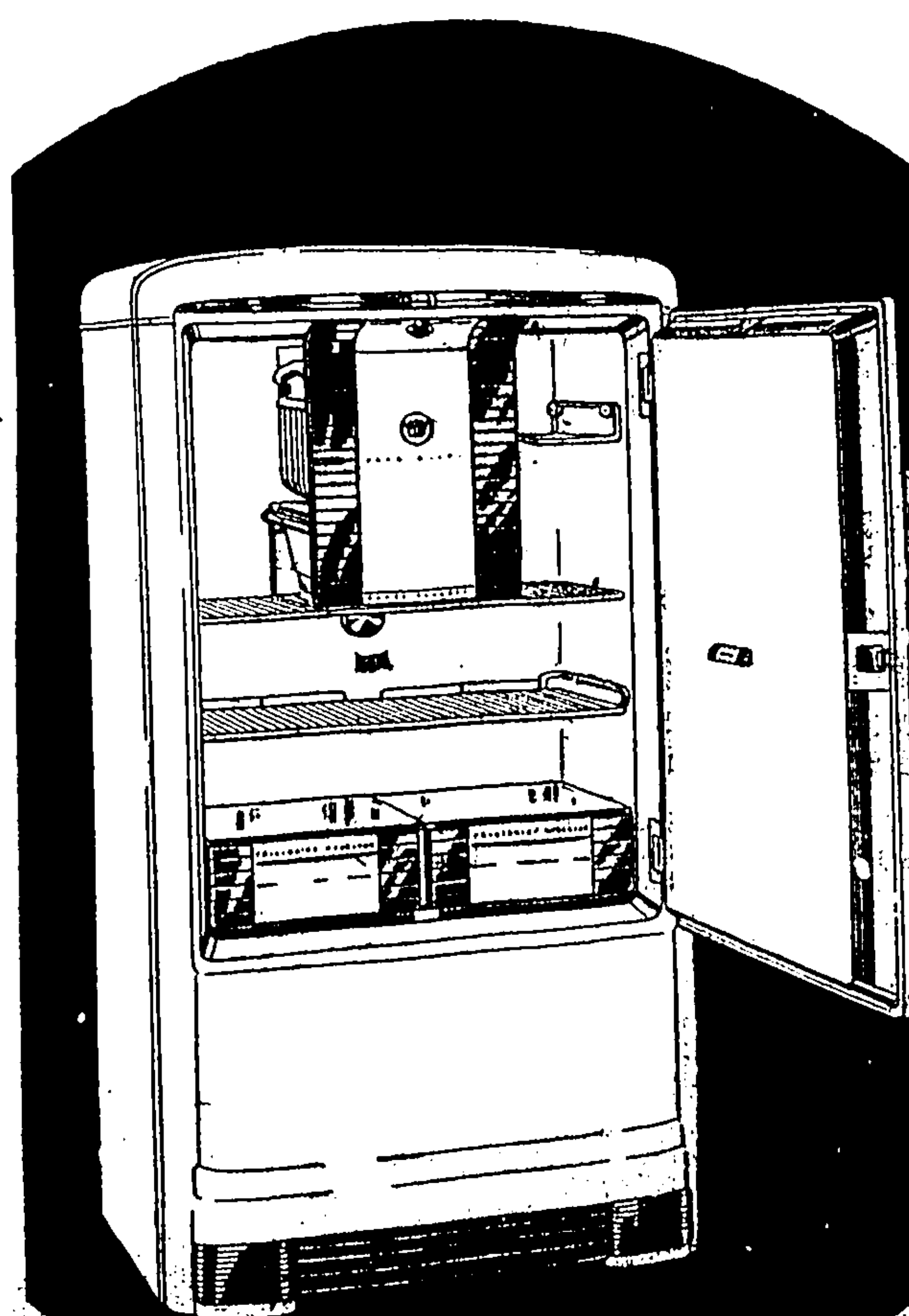
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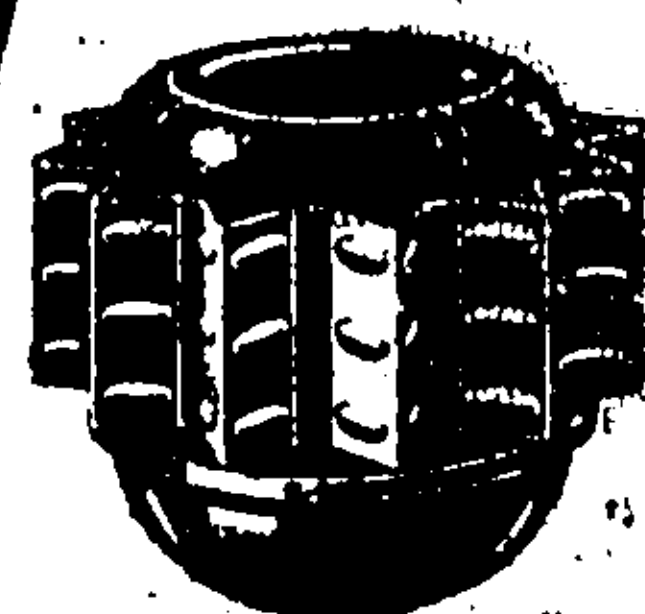
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R.A.F. Extend Activities In Middle East

NORWEGIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Many Norwegians have been sentenced to death by the German Military Tribunal at Bergen, according to the Norwegian Telegraph Agency in London.

They were charged with transmitting information about German armed forces on a secret wireless set. — Reuter.

WILLKIE ARRIVES IN AFRICA

THE DIXIE CLIPPER WITH MR. WENDELL WILLKIE ABOARD, HAS ALIGHTED AT BOLAMA IN WEST AFRICA. PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK

The machine is inaugurating the new homeward course of American Clippers from Europe. This was the first time that an American commercial aircraft has visited an African port and also the first time that any part of Africa has been linked with the United States by air. — Reuter.

Backing Up Five-Front Advance

A HEAVY ATTACK on the Maritza aerodrome in Rhodes, which is the chief island of the Italian Dodecanese group, marked an extension of the activities of the R.A.F. Middle-East Command on Tuesday night.

The aerodrome was bombed and machine-gunned and several fires started.

The advance of British troops in the five-front advance in Africa was again fully supported by air activity.

Yesterday's R.A.F. communique records that there was renewed bombing of Italian aerodromes in Libya during Tuesday night, including the aerodromes at Benina, near Benghazi, and Berka, as well as the railway station at Barce.

In Italian East Africa, the British army was supported by the R.A.F. on the various fronts round Barentu. Two further Italian fighters were captured and one shot down.

Dive-Bombing

At Keren, dive-bombing attacks were made on gun positions in the hills and on the road east of the town.

At Negasit, bombs were dropped on motor-transport with considerable effect while at Dessie, several fires were caused among buildings and motor-transport vehicles. — Reuter.

Advances Continue

The British offensive in Africa is progressing favourably everywhere. Yesterday's communique issued in Cairo states that in Libya the advance continues towards Benghazi.

In Eritrea, the British forces are now closing in on strategic held Italian positions about Keren. Further South, the Italian forces which had withdrawn eastward, are being hard-pressed. Fifteen hundred prisoners have been captured, mostly Italians.

In the various operations based on the Sudan, British casualties have been light.

In Abyssinia, good progress is being made in the British advance along the Gondar Road.

In Italian Somaliland, British penetration in all sectors across the enemy frontier is daily becoming deeper. — Reuter.

JOHN WINANT APPOINTED

It is reported from Washington that Mr. John Winant has been nominated as United States Ambassador to London.

President Roosevelt is sending the nomination to the Senate this morning.

Mr. Winant, who came into prominence in 1934, when he was Chairman of a committee to inquire into the strike in the textile industry, has specialised in labour problems for many years.

He was appointed Assistant Director of the Industrial Labour Organisation at Geneva in 1935, but a few months later returned to America to become one of President Roosevelt's close collaborators in the administration of the New Deal, as Chairman of the Board to administer the social security programme.

Mr. Winant became Director of the Industrial Labour Organisation in 1938. After the collapse of France, he transferred the I.L.O. headquarters to McGill University in Montreal. — Reuter.

PUNISHMENT PROMISED

The Japanese who set fire on February 3 to the matchbox at the Race Course are detained at the Japanese Consular Police Headquarters.

Spokesman of the Japanese Consulate-General and of the Japanese Gendarmerie expressed regret over the incident, and indicated that the two Japanese would be rigorously punished. — Central News.

STOP PRESS

Less than 20 refugees crossed from Chinese territory into the New Territories yesterday, according to police reports.

These have been sent to the Immigration Depot at Taipo.



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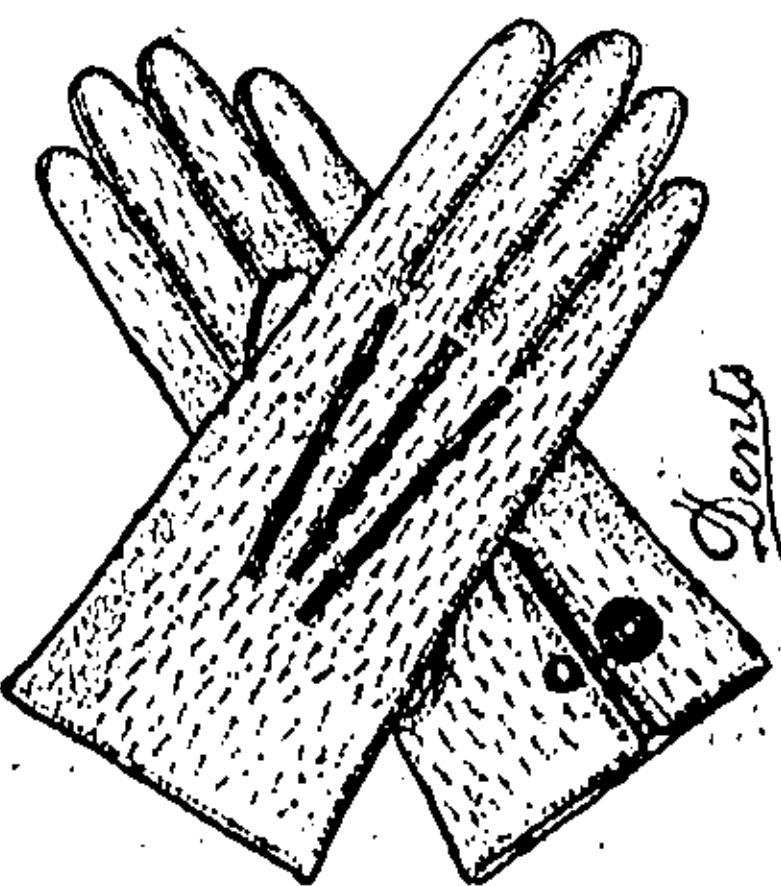
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An A.R.P. Athletic Meeting



Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., addressing those present before the prize-giving at the first athletic meeting of the Upper Levels Division. Mr. A. E. Gerondal, Mr. B. H. Puckle, Mr. C. E. Terry, G. A. Pentreath and Major C. M. Manners are also in the picture.



Lam Tee-kwon, who won the 100 Metres, 200 Metres and 400 Metres Races is shown above receiving his prizes from the hands of Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins.



(Left)—Lee Yuk-mui beating Chan Mei-ha to the post in the 50 Metres race for women A.R.P. wardens.

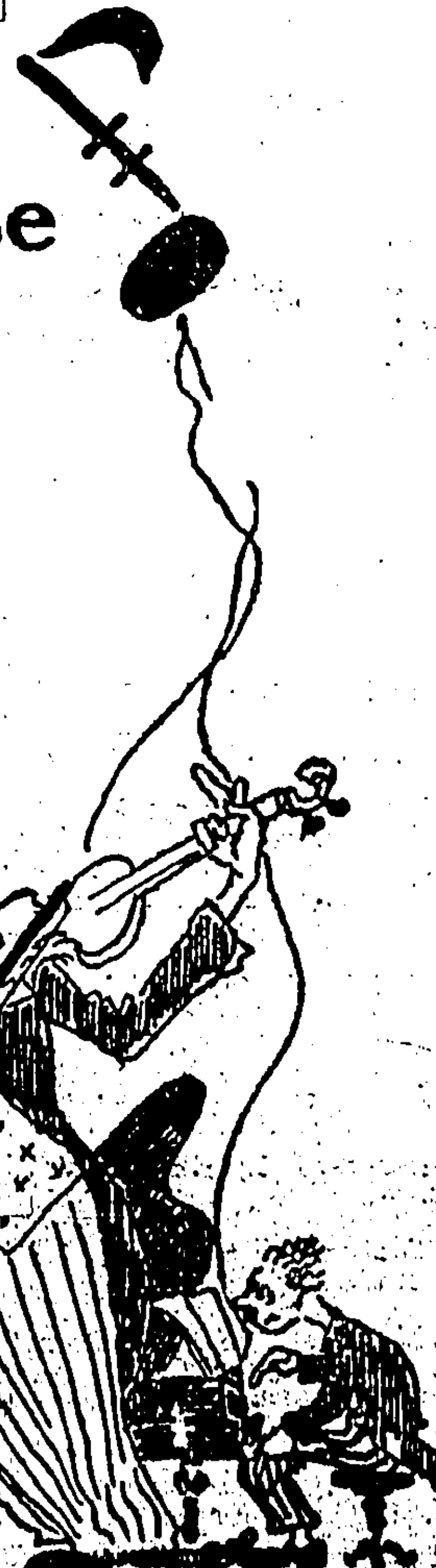


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SHORT STORY

The Zargun Of Zaki

I SAT in the shop of Zaki, seller of gems, sipping the amber-scented tea he provided only for his very special friends. At least, that is what he impressed on me, and I liked to believe him. Opposite me, on an ornate galley couch, sat Zaki himself, turning over in his hand some recent purchases so that they would catch the light—artificial, for the light of day never penetrated to this dark corner of the Muski.

Suddenly he picked out one of the stones and considered it apart for a long moment. Then he sighed and a smile crept round the corner of his lips.

"You are thinking?" I put in tentatively.

"I think," he admitted slowly, "of another zargun, green like this one, only larger, much larger." He paused and his eyes flickered. "My friend," he went on with a strange suddenness, "you have written many times, I know, of the cleverness of the Cairo Muski. Tell this time how a tourist lady beat an Egyptian. Listen, my friend, such chance are rare as date on royal palm."

He smiled a little, then continued:

"My friend, I have heard in your country they say sometime of people they live the cat-and-dog life. Yes? Then would it offend if I call my two ladies Miss Katt and Miss Dogg? For though they travel about everywhere all together, yet I think they live just that kind of life. I have thought of them that way and if you will excuse me, I find story more easy to tell that way."

And this is the story Zaki told me that day in his shop. He was very proud of his English, was Zaki, and described it as "First class O.K." And though I am used to it, for I have known Zaki for many years, you might find his quaint phraseology as difficult to follow as I once did. So here it is, told as simply as anything Zaki is concerned in can be told.

One day the two ladies, whom we must call Miss Katt and Miss Dogg, wandered into his shop. Zaki gave them just one glance—it was enough. No use wasting time on them; they would look round, pass disparaging remarks on everything and pass out.

But after a little he noticed Miss Dogg, who, he had decided, was the less objectionable of the two, go back to the tray where he displayed his zircons and pick up one which she had already looked at more than casually. It was a large green stone of the more uncommon kind known as zargun. Zaki hovered hopefully.

"How much?" she barked over her shoulder.

"That very fine stone, lady," he told her, holding it up to catch the light. "You know the good stones, yes?"

"How much?" she barked again, but Zaki could see his remark had pleased her.

"Business very bad," Zaki confessed with sorrow in his voice. "I do not mind if I lose just to say I have done business to-day. Lady, I sell you this magnificent zargun for two gineh."

She shook her head, twitched her nose. "Too much! I give you one and a half."

"You would ruin me, lady," said Zaki sadly. "But what matter if I get ruin to-day or to-morrow. I give it away for two less a quarter."

"I'll take it for that." It was Miss Katt who had suddenly snapped in. She did not really want the stone, but somehow he did not want Miss Dogg to have it. Zaki sensed it; it was his job. Miss Dogg sensed it; she knew Miss Katt.

"I'll give you two gineh for it," said Miss Dogg firmly.

Zaki began to get interested. And his assistant, though he did not understand one word of the conversation, realised that something out of the ordinary was afoot and came closer. Ahmed, the seller of brass opposite, who had been fluttering round the door to importune the

tourists when they left Zaki, and Sabr, the seller of scent, both advanced imperceptibly into the shop. The two ladies, blood up, had settled down to it. Their faces, as Zaki put it, were tight up like the ass when you try to turn his head from home at sunset. Two-forty, two-sixty, two-eighty.

It was Miss Katt who snapped in at three gineh. Miss Dogg just looked at her with the hate of a lady friend. Zaki smiled at her.

"The magnificent zargun, it is yours for three gineh, lady."

Miss Katt looked at Miss Dogg as if she could not believe her silence; then turned to Zaki and forced a laugh.

"If it was only a game," she said, licking her lips a little nervously. "I do not want it at all. You can keep it."

"Lady," replied Zaki very quietly, "I do not have shop in Muski to play games. I here to do business. You say you give me three gineh for this magnificent zargun. You take it."

Miss Katt glanced towards the door, but Zaki's assistant stood there, and Ahmed, the seller of brass, and Sabr, the seller of scent. She saw the fearsome expression on Ahmed's face; she did not know it was always like that, even when he was happy—and her confidence deserted her. She opened her bag, threw down three notes, snatched up the zargun.

"Good-bye, ladies," Zaki bowed very politely, but he was addressing the air.

Two days later Miss Katt came to Zaki's shop alone. She showed the zargun to Kaki. Was it really as uncommon as he had said? The merchant assured her that it was seldom one came across a zargun of that colour and size. Miss Katt made no effort to hide her disappointment; she took Zaki into her confidence. She admitted frankly that she had been silly on her previous visit; she had been very annoyed with her friend that day and had wanted to make her pay more. She had not wanted the zargun herself. But now she was glad, for the more she looked at it the more she liked it. And it had struck her that, if she could only get another just like it, she could get the two made into a perfectly delightful pair of ear-rings.

Zaki agreed that the idea was a magnificent one, but he was extremely doubtful. The chance of getting a match was so very small.

"What a pity!" she sighed. "I would give eight gineh for another just like it."

Only with the greatest difficulty did Zaki conceal his excitement. "Lady," he said, "I do what I can, but nothing I promise. Sometime it happen if Allah will."

"You will find me at Shepheard's if you are lucky," she said. "I shall be there for a few weeks more."

Eight gineh for a zargun—and not real at that, for these Muski stones were from Switzerland, fused from zircon chips! It would certainly be difficult to get one just like it, but eight gineh! Zaki could not get the incredible figure out of his head. Hardly had Miss Katt disappeared than he was off down the Muski lanes, seeking out his friends who also were sellers of gems, seeking out even his enemies. But nowhere could he get a green zargun large enough. In desperation, he went back to his friends, gave them the colour and size and told them that if they could get one like that, he would pay a very good price for it.

Four days later, Aly Mohammed came to the shop of Zaki with a stone which Zaki knew in an instant was the one he wanted. Naturally he pointed out to Aly at considerable length that the stone was on the small side and differed appreciably from his description. Unfortunately Aly was convinced that his friend's memory was failing and, in the end, Zaki had to pay six gineh for the stone. As he was going to get eight for it, he faced the ruin the purchase involved him in with parsimonious violence.

Now Zaki had summed up Miss Katt very shrewdly and he knew that she would do her utmost to find fault with any match he might obtain in order to get it cheaper. He had, therefore, taken a wax impression of the original zargun so that he could get the match cut precisely the same before he offered it. And now he tried the new purchase against the mould.

The zargun dropped in and Zaki thought he had gone mad. It fitted so that not even a single hair of the Prophet's beard could be slipped between!

Zaki stared at it, knew that Allah had punished him for the greed that had blinded his native caution. Knew that he had bought back his own zargun at twice what he had sold it for!

Straightway he went to his friend, Aly Mohammed, told him what had happened and asked how the stone had come into his possession. Aly explained that a lady had come into his shop with

By Richard Carol

the zargun and asked him if he would set it for her in a Turkish filigree ring. He had immediately realised that it was just such a stone that his friend Zaki was seeking and offered to buy it.

The lady, however, seemed reluctant to part with it and Aly had to offer five gineh before the zargun changed hands. Aly described the lady and Zaki's last doubt fled.

For a long time the two sat, smoking their bubble-hubbles in thoughtful, friendly silence. At the end they decided that Miss Katt, like the scorpion, had a sting in her tail. And were there no ways of making the scorpion spend its poison harmlessly?

Two days later, Aly Mohammed interviewed Miss Dogg at Shepheard's. He told her that he knew from Zaki, his friend, how Miss Katt had tried to make her pay more for the zargun and had been obliged to buy it for herself though she did not want it. Now, however, it seemed that Miss Katt not only liked it but was very eager to get another one the same in order to make a unique pair of ear-rings and she had told Zaki she was prepared to pay ten gineh for a perfect match.

Aly produced a large green zargun from his pocket. Here was the match. He could guarantee that there was not another like it in the Muski. If he sold it to Zaki, as Zaki wanted, Zaki would sell it to Miss Katt who would have her unique ear-rings. Aly frankly did not like Miss Katt, if Miss Dogg would excuse him saying so, and would gladly have refused to part with his zargun to prevent Miss Katt from getting her wish.

"But, lady," he confessed, "Aly poor man with two wife and so

many children he not know, all hungry. And Zaki, he say he pay me nine gineh. But if lady want zargun much I give it her for nine just the same. Then, if lady like, she can sell it to her friend for ten or more and get fun of it just like her friend try to get before in Zaki shop."

Miss Dogg hesitated only a moment. The chance was too good to miss and she paid over the nine gineh. Then Aly suggested that she might like to have it made into a ring so that people could see and admire such a magnificent zargun; he would gladly include the cost of setting in the nine gineh. Miss Dogg thought of Miss Katt and smiled. Aly took the zargun away with him; he was smiling, too.

To Zaki, his friend, went Aly with the ubiquitous zargun, and Zaki, two days later, presented himself and the zargun to Miss Katt. He reminded her of her offer to pay eight gineh for a match to the zargun she had already bought so that she could

have ear-rings made. Miss Katt made the face of a camel, as Zaki described it. She said she did not know what he was talking about and threatened to call a policeman if he did not leave immediately. Zaki went, outwardly fuming, inwardly delighted.

He returned the zargun to Aly so that it could be set in a ring as promised for Miss Dogg. Then, three days after, Zaki again sought the presence of Miss Katt.

He was blatantly excited. A lady, he explained to Miss Katt, had just been in his shop, had spotted the zargun he had got to match Miss Katt's original zargun, but which she had refused to take. That was all forgotten now; she had changed her mind and anybody is allowed to change her mind. But the lady had got the same idea Miss Katt had once had—if she could only get another zargun like it, what magnificent ear-rings they would make!

"Miss Katt," pleaded Zaki, "I know you not want zargun you buy from me very much. You sell it back to me? I give you six gineh for it."

Miss Katt just stared at the jewel merchant. "Seven gineh," he promised eagerly. "Eight."

Before she had recovered from her astonishment he had offered 12 gineh, protesting that he could pay no more or there would be no profit in it for himself. She looked at him strangely, promised in the end that she would think it over.

"O.K., lady," said Zaki. "If you think yes, you bring it to my shop."

Early next morning Miss Katt was at the shop of Aly Mohammed, offering to buy back the

zargun, she had sold him a few days before. Aly expressed his regret; alas! he had sold it to a lady who wanted very much a large, green zargun. A Miss Dogg, it was, who was staying at Shepheard's Hotel; he had made it into a ring and sent it there. She asked him when he had sold it and he told her.

Her flickering doubts about Zaki's story of the new customer vanished. Obviously, if Miss Dogg had bought the zargun from Aly, Zaki could not offer her the same stone two days after. Her nice little scheme had mis-carried owing to the intervention of Miss Dogg, confound her! Zaki had not bought his own stone back as she had intended him to in order to pay him out for the way he had treated her. Somehow he had secured a match to the original zargun—but now he would have to pay to get back the very stone he had forced her to buy.

Next day a triumphant Miss Katt invaded Zaki's shop. She had the original green zargun. She offered it to Zaki and demanded twelve gineh. Zaki looked at her in amazement and shook his head.

"I do not understand," said Zaki, very much as she had said it but a few days before at Shepheard's when he offered her the match.

She forced a laugh. "You are having a little game with me." "Lady," replied Zaki, "I tell you once already we not have shops in Muski to play games. We here to do business and it very foolish business to buy zargun for twelve gineh."

"But you promised," she stormed, "and it cost me ten gineh to get it back for you for I had sold it."

Zaki shook his head, threw out his hands. She raved, she blustered till Ahmed, the seller of brass, looked round the corner with that fearsome face of his. Then she went, cursing audibly, and Zaki added to his English First Class O.K.

"Good-bye lady" Zaki bowed politely to Miss Katt's dust.

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Zaki regarded me solemnly, but there was a twinkle of laughter in his eyes.

"You see, my friend, she pay the eight gineh for that zargun just as she promise. She pay me three at the first, she get five from Aly Mohammed, she pay ten to the Miss Dogg. Aly and me we have our own account. You understand how strange the ways of Allah."

Carelessly he tossed the green zargun into his gem-tray.

"But Zaki," I protested, when I had got my mind out of its Oriental confusion, "you were going to tell me a story of how you were beaten. You won."

The Egyptian shook his head. "Oh, no, my friend," he insisted firmly. "I get the defeat O.K. But is it not your people which say one may profit more from the defeats than from the wins. That way it is, I think."



D. Mar. battling in the clash between the Wildcats and the Canuckettes, on Sunday morning in the northern league. Canuckettes went down to their first defeat 11-2.

ET VOICI ET VOILA

BEWILDERMENT is the only correct description of the feelings the sudden collapse of France has caused to all who know and love that country. The utmost bewilderment, and pangs so acute that, far from becoming less severe as time goes on, they grow in frequency and intensity. It seems to be the common experience of many people that in meditating upon the French disaster they somehow feel it difficult to believe it is really true; then they hear the next bit of news, which is even more grim than that which they already knew.

Of course, there are always those who pretend to be surprised by nothing and who say: "Collapse of France, my dear fellow? Who could have expected anything else?" According to a host of French and British diplomatic commentators, war correspondents and other pundits, the explanation for which we are all searching in vain is not hard to find. Fifth-Columbianism at the top, defeatism, treason and corruption, incompetence, disunity, *et voici et voilà*. The only point of difference among those who hold this view is that according to some the process of disruption set in quite recently during the last six or seven years whereas others believe that it has lasted for many decades, or indeed that it has been inherent in the Third Republic from its very origin.

Why?

There is always danger in oversimplification. And while it is perfectly true that all these indictments are fully justified, not only by the present disaster, but also by a long record of past tragedies, still the fundamental question remains unanswered. Why has France collapsed? And, furthermore, having collapsed, how could she act as she did, or, for that matter, still does?

We have witnessed, within the brief space of a few months, not only a staggering military defeat but the utter disintegration of a great state, which was one of the most solid and powerful states ever known in the history of mankind. The French were civilised when the ancestors of the present self-discovered Aryans were still balancing on their tails from the

France fell because of corruption at the top, but the foundations are sound. British victory will ensure reconstruction and rehabilitation.

By George Soloveytchik

tree-tops of the primeval German forest. For over a thousand years France has not merely had a glorious history, but has shone in every sphere of human activity, especially in that of the mind.

Rome dominated the world by her arms and institutions, Athens by intellect, Carthage by gold. But it was vouchsafed to France to predominate in all three. If it be true that the British Commonwealth of Nations has inherited Rome's universalism as a political organisation, it is especially true that France has inherited her cultural universalism and maintained it to the present day.

Social Stability

Her radiance, though dimmed at times, and never more so than in recent years, has been one of the few permanent factors in the history of civilisation. Whatever may be said against the Third Republic, its deplorable personnel, its politics and institutions, who can deny that throughout the seventy years of its existence it has been not merely rich in political successes, but has remained the metropolis of all the arts and science and learning?

Born after a defeat and during a national paroxysm of the utmost gravity, this Third Republic achieved unprecedented prosperity in the minimum of time; it regained a considerable modicum of national and social stability which enabled it to face the ordeal of the world war; it built up the world's second largest colonial empire. But its principal achievement was in the creative domain of the mind and spirit. It is clear that the causes for the tragedy that has supervened cannot be summed up in one single formula.

With some of the forces of disruption we are familiar enough.

Venality, pettiness, sexual laxity, mental snobbishness (which drew the intellectual elite to the extreme Right or the extreme Left): the worship of sectional interests and, in certain cases, profound defeatism; unsound finance, obstructionism and administrative anarchy here are but some of the unhealthy and lamentable features which characterised "the other France". Yet all these processes, revolting though they were, did not seem to affect the fundamentals of French life, of *la France réelle*. They were at work, one assumed, on the surface of things; the core was healthy and strong. Was this assumption a mistaken one? Not, I think, entirely mistaken.

Worlds Apart

The fact is that in France, even more than in most other highly developed modern countries, it is necessary to distinguish between the rural population and the townfolk. They form two worlds apart. Some twenty million Frenchmen and Frenchwomen, or about one half of the whole nation, live on the land. Most of it they own, something like 97 per cent. of all the farms, their normal holdings being anything from twenty to a hundred acres, with thirty to forty as a good average. The peasants are the hardest working people in the world and their womenfolk share their burdens. During the early months of the present war, when it was as yet a "Sitzkrieg", it was the women who, almost single-handed, gathered in the harvest and kept up the nation's agriculture on a pre-war level. While it is true that this huge peasant population has always exercised great political power, it is equally true that its principal concern in politics has been largely limited to its own immediate interests, i.e. questions of food prices, indirect taxation, legislation concerning mortgages and similar topics. But the peasants have always entertained a profound distrust of politics and

politicians, regarding Paris as a hotbed of political intrigue, of confidence tricksters and crooked financiers.

Moral Depravity

With the exception of Paris, Marseilles, Lyons, Nice and a number of important industrial centres, there are no big towns in France. Alas, these big cities make up in political and moral depravity for the rest of the country. But the Frenchmen who dwell in the villages and small towns are honest, hard-working, loyal citizens, who responded to the call when it came and joined up as their fathers and forefathers had done. Eight months of complete inactivity at the front, and incessant defeatist propaganda skilfully conducted, demoralised them completely. When the blow came, they had only one desire—to get home.

It was not in the villages, but in the big cities of France that the scum of the nation found its happy hunting-ground. There can be no doubt that France's enemies both created and exploited every possible source of disintegration.

With each generation the calibre of the nation's leaders became slighter. The "Fathers of the Republic" even the men of 1900-1920 were of a finer fibre than the present generation.

One man stands out as solid as a rock, courageous, patriotic, able, efficient, incorruptible—Georges Mandel, Clemenceau's disciple. Small wonder that the Vichy gang have made him their scapegoat No. 1.

Daladier

One of the worst culprits, in my opinion, is Daladier. For nearly five years he was in charge of the National Defence Ministry of France. How is it that the French entered this war in what is now admitted to have been a state of utmost unpreparedness? Where did all the money go those millions voted every year for National Defence? Why was the Maginot Line never extended along the Belgian and Swiss frontiers?

Nor are the military experts less blameworthy. During the twenty years that separate the present

war from the last there was complete continuity in the supreme command and technical supervision of the French armed forces. Almost alone among the nations, and with good reason, France never agreed to disarm; on the contrary, she invariably stressed the need of preparedness and vigilance. The tradition of her great military schools as a training ground for her officers went on unbroken. Compulsory military service greatly facilitated the steady flow of recruits. And, with one exception, national defence received all the appropriations its Chiefs demanded. Neither the Right nor the Left dared to interfere with the military organisation.

What Matters

Largely Royalist, with an intense contempt for, and hatred of, the politicians, the army nevertheless recognised and obeyed the Republican Government's authority. But it remained outside the turmoil of party strife and financial wire-pulling. Its leaders cannot escape their share of the responsibility for the collapse of their country. They had been given all they wanted, money and men galore. Yet they not only conceived a wrong plan and gave their men faulty orders, but most of the troops were never allowed to fight at all. In their detestation of the Republic political regime, the army and some of the vital government departments committed wholesale treason from what they held to be the noblest of motives. Ostensibly they believed in "regeneration through suffering."

Only a British victory can save France. A strong and politically active France is an absolute necessity to Britain. What particular forms this regeneration of the great French nation is to take, it is premature to say. As Clemenceau used to put it, what matters are not systems, but men.

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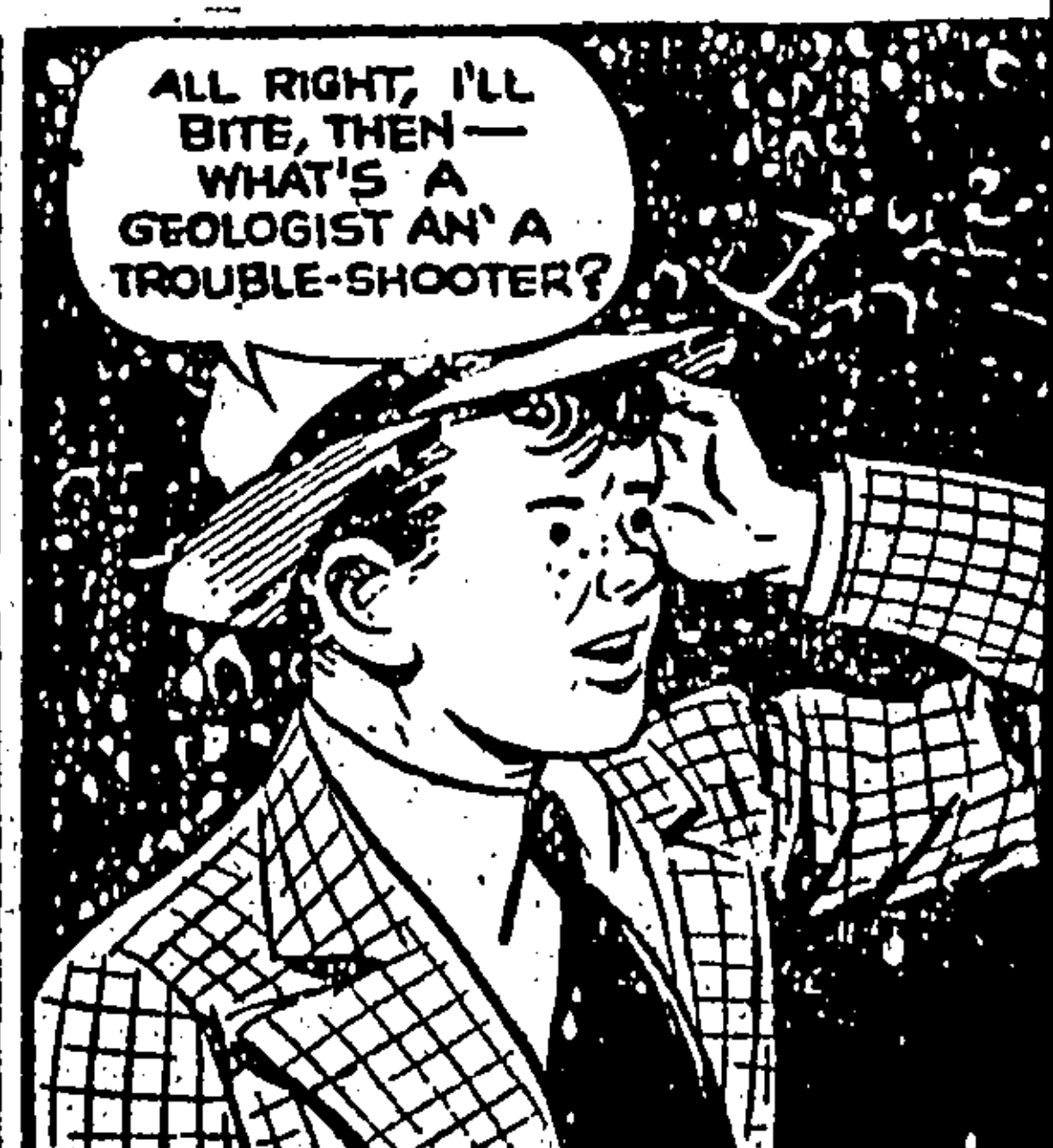
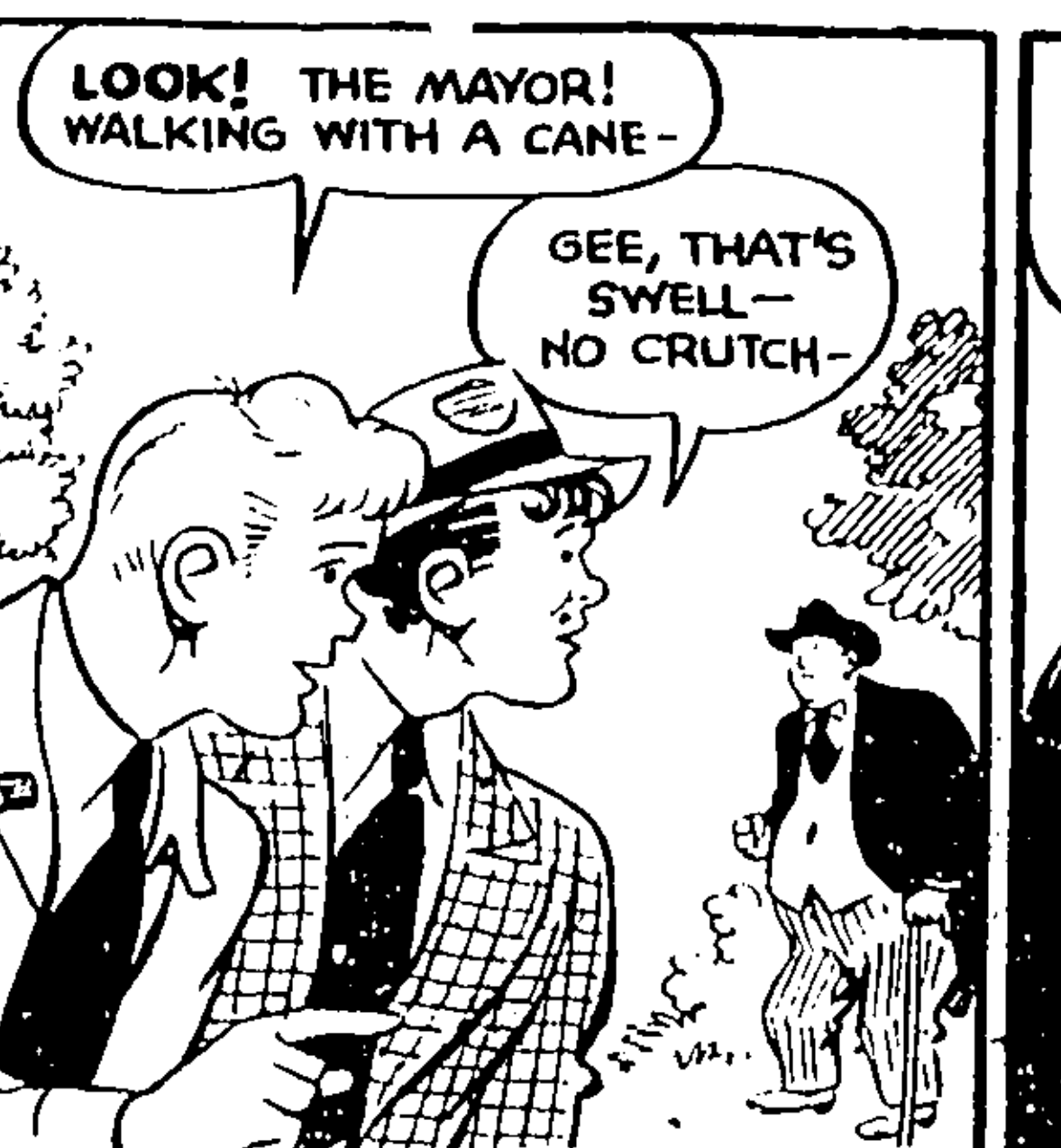
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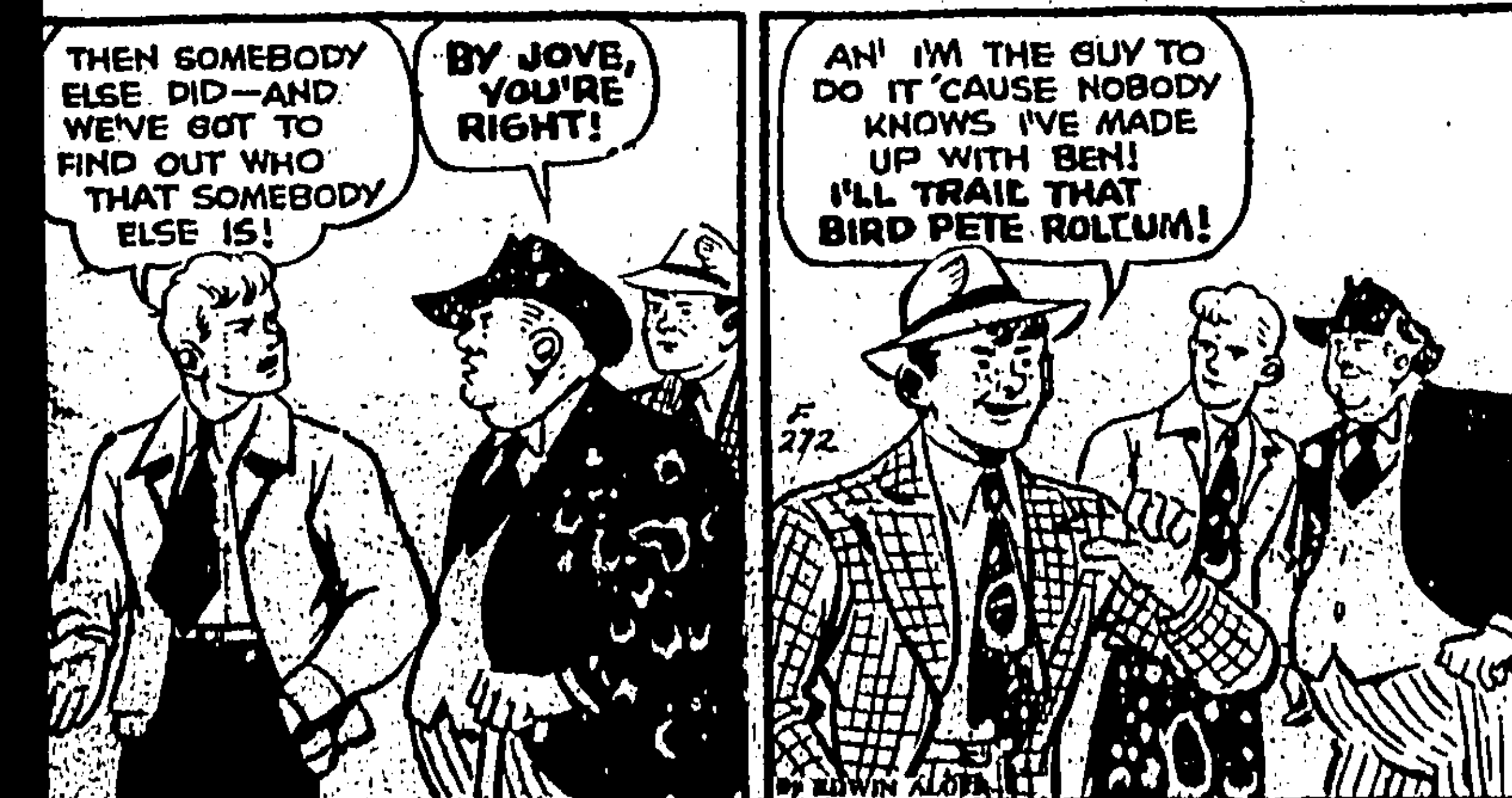
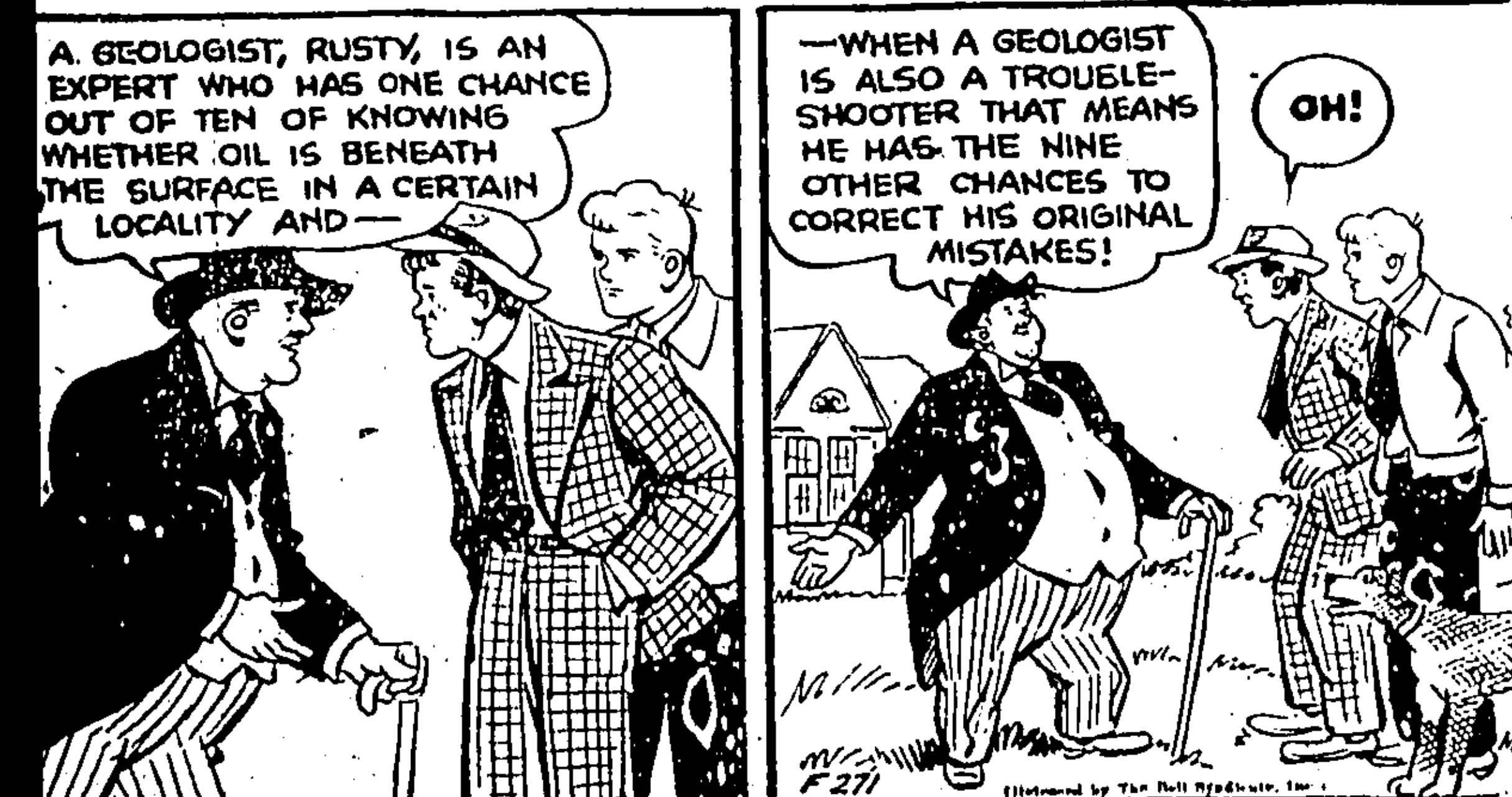
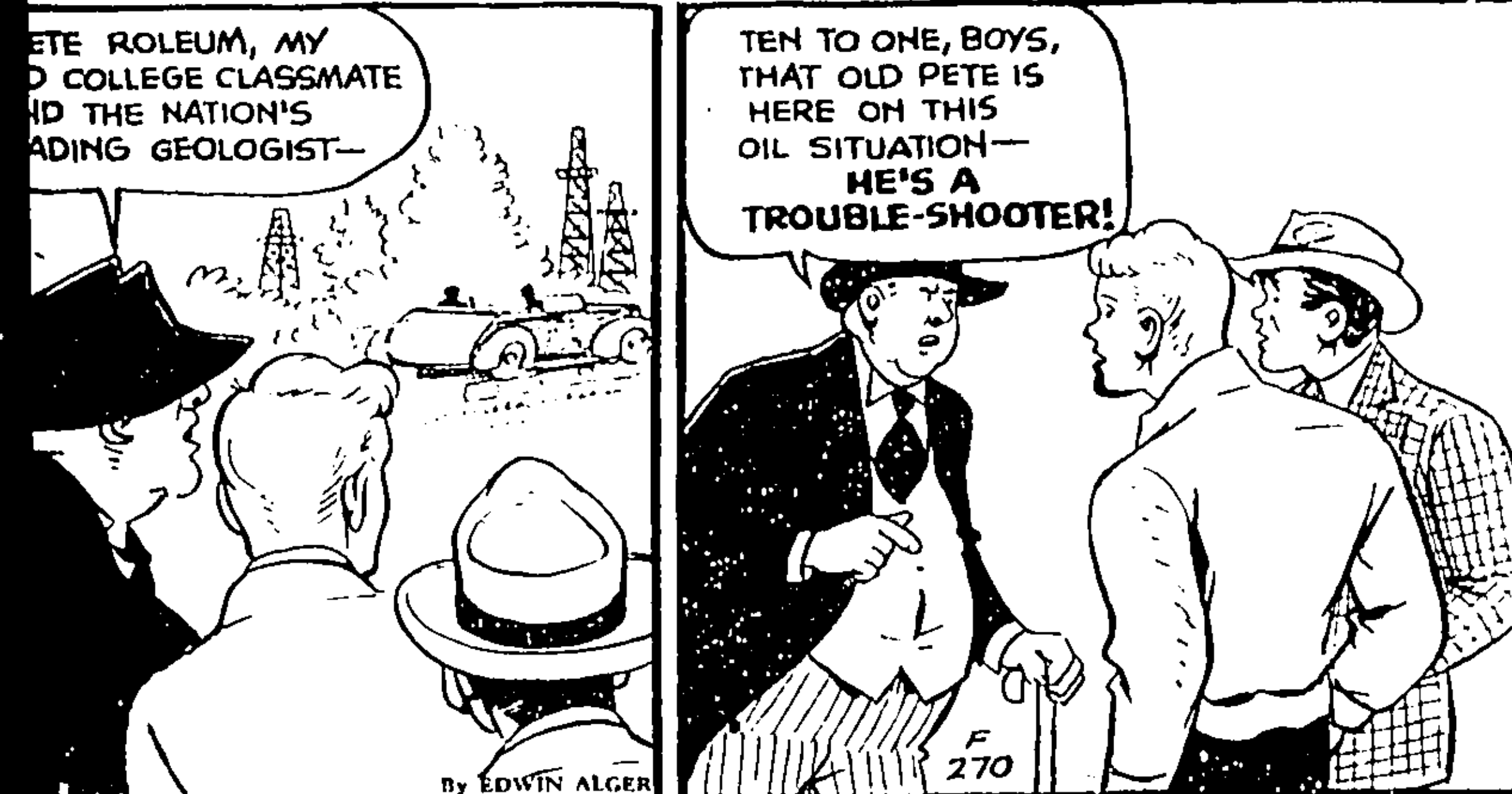
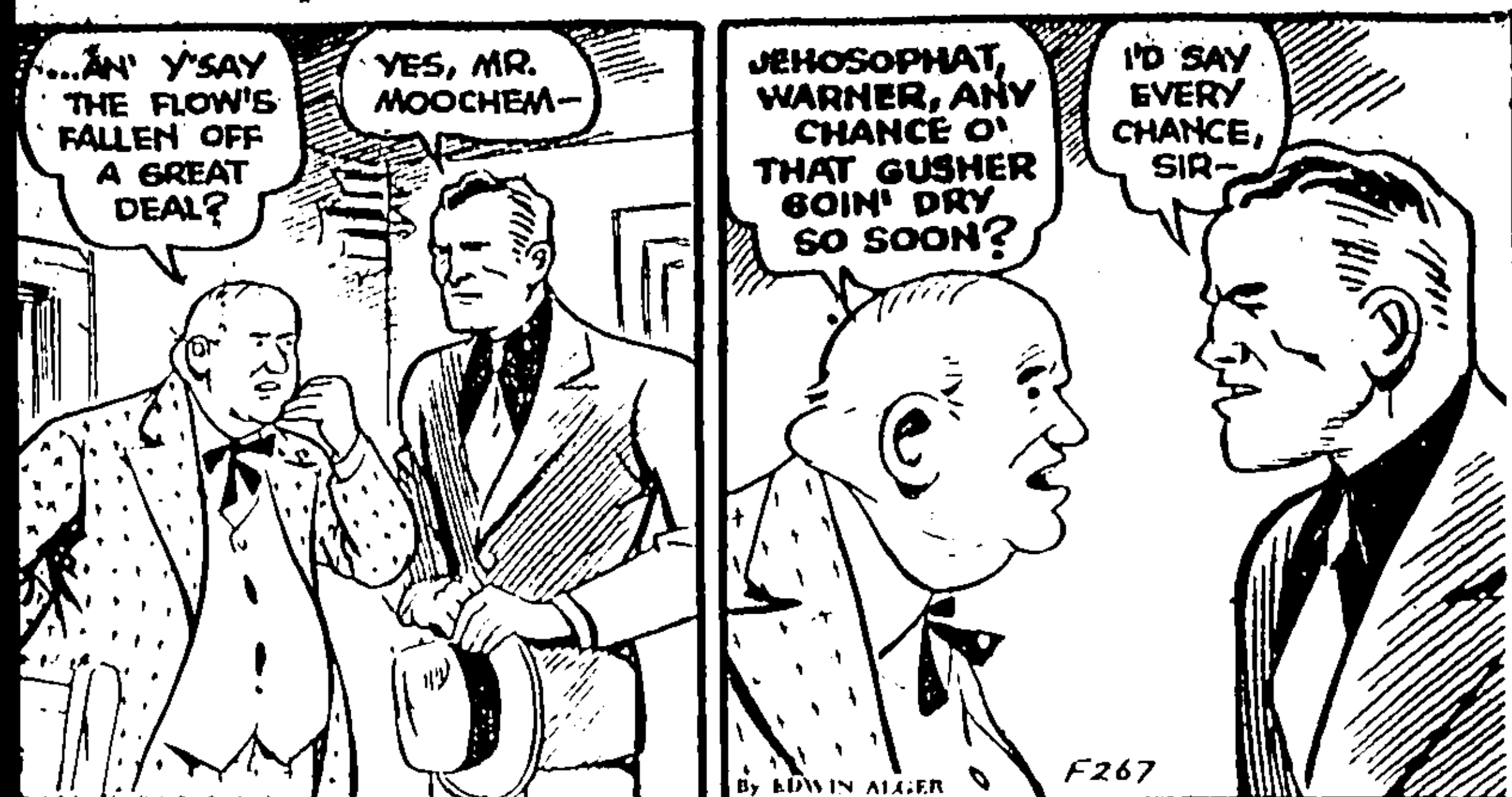
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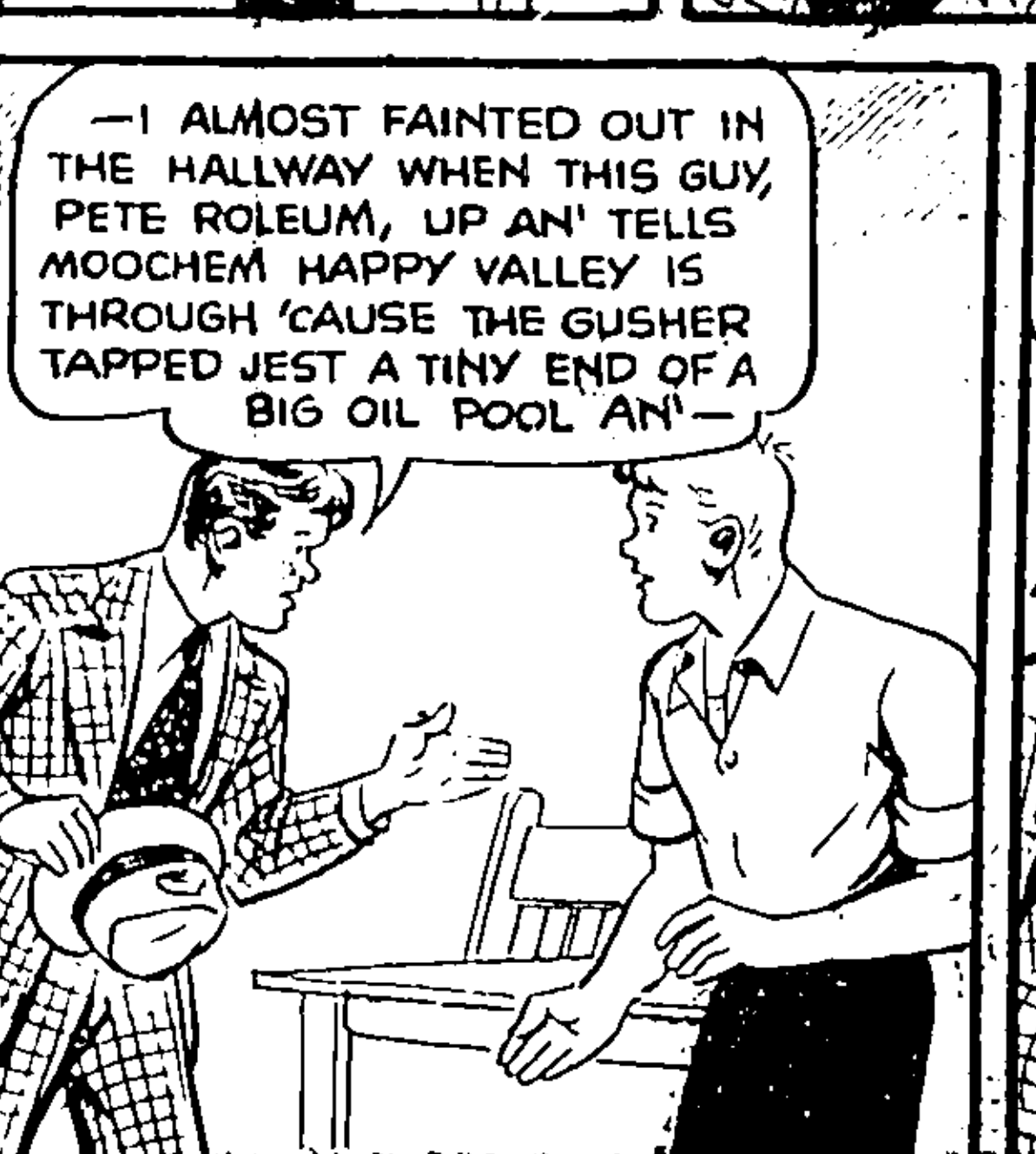
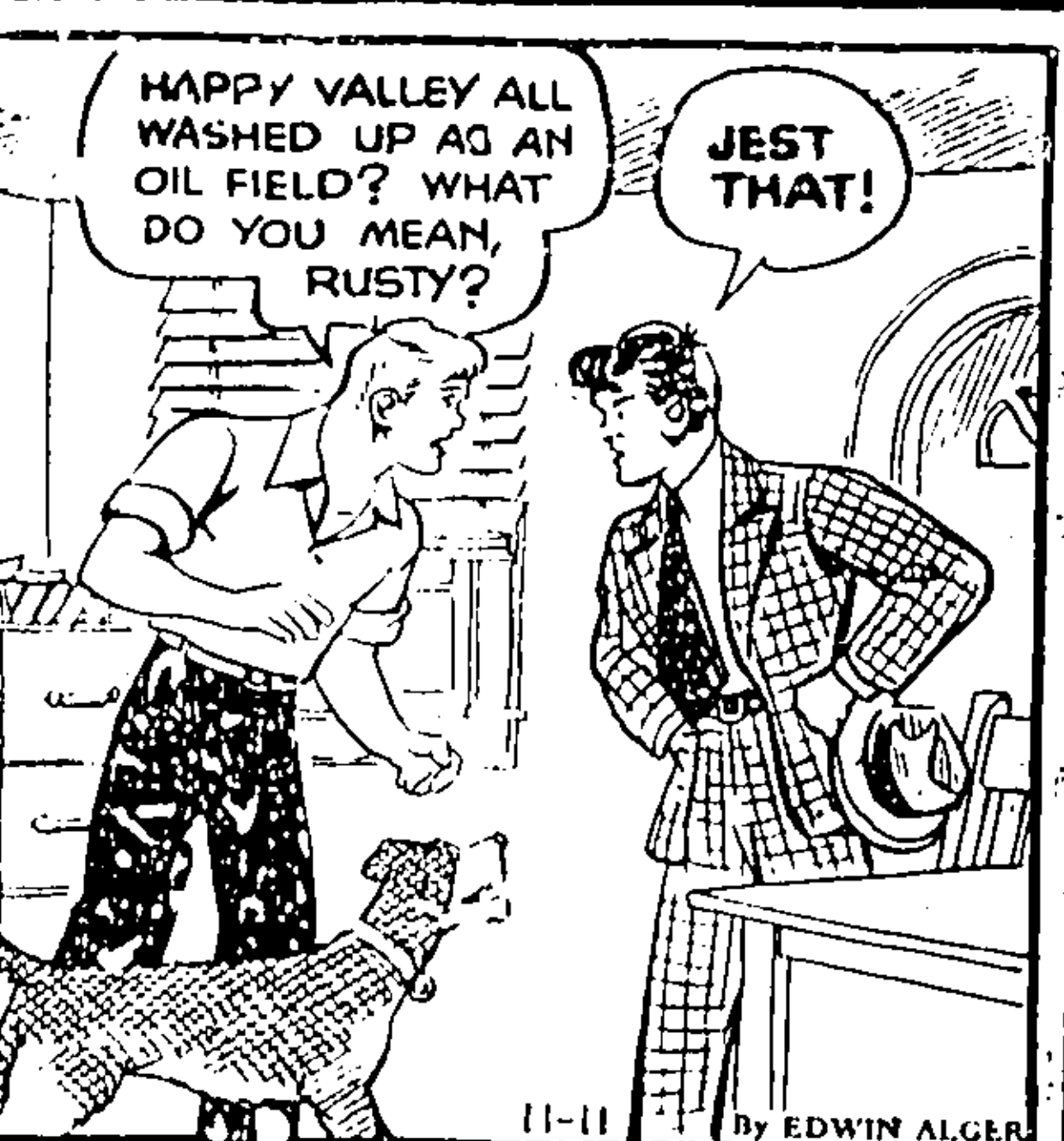
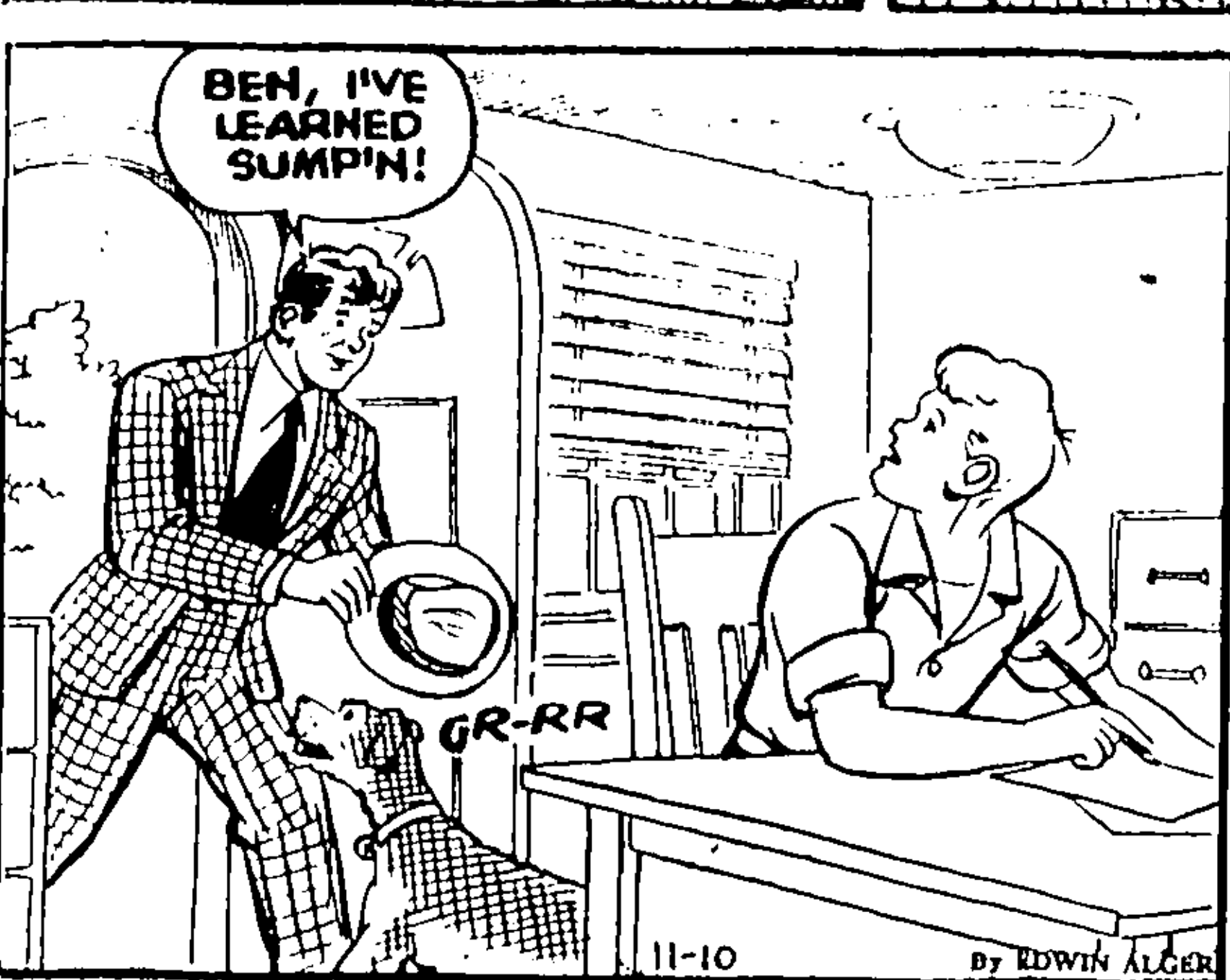
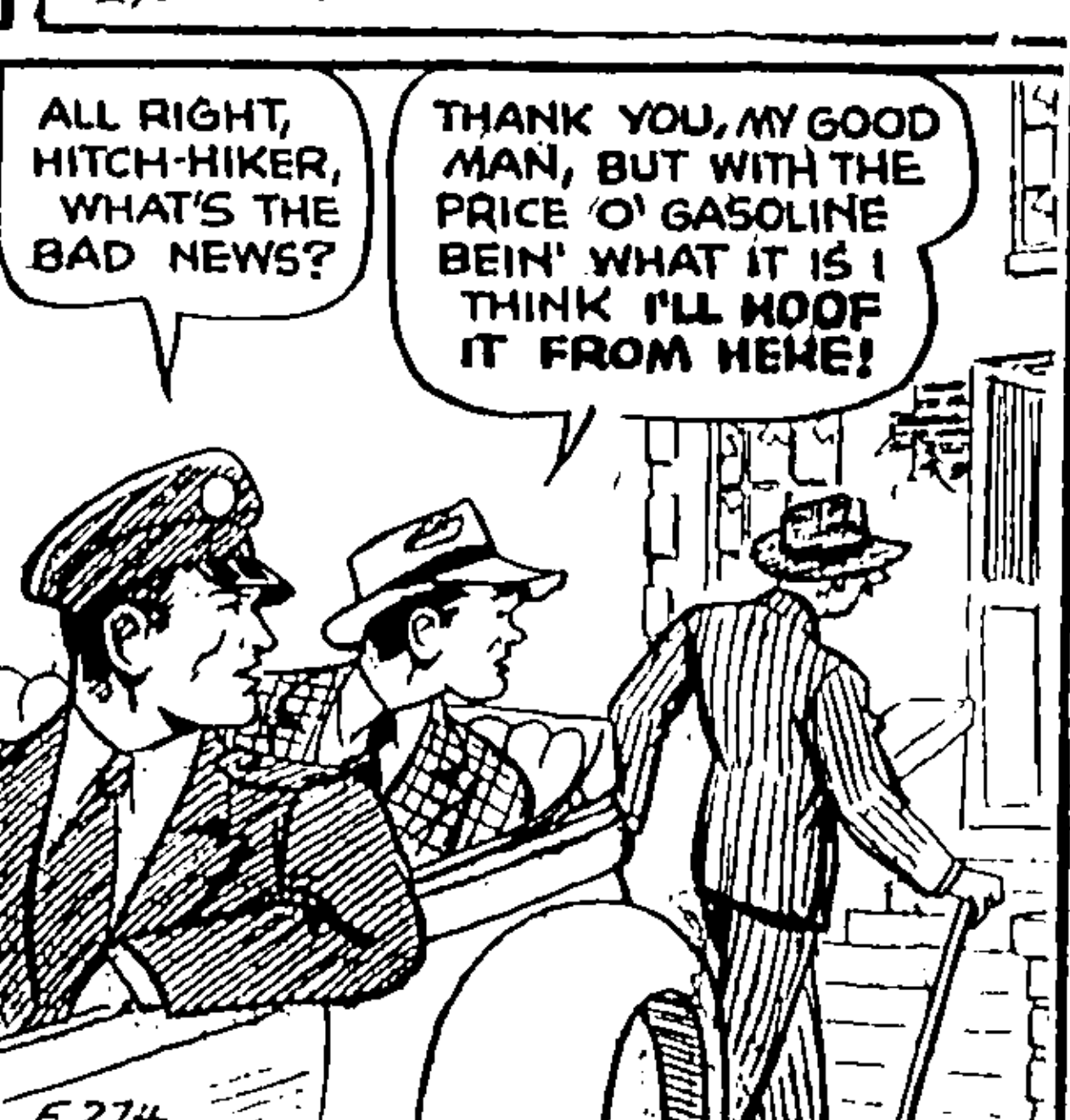
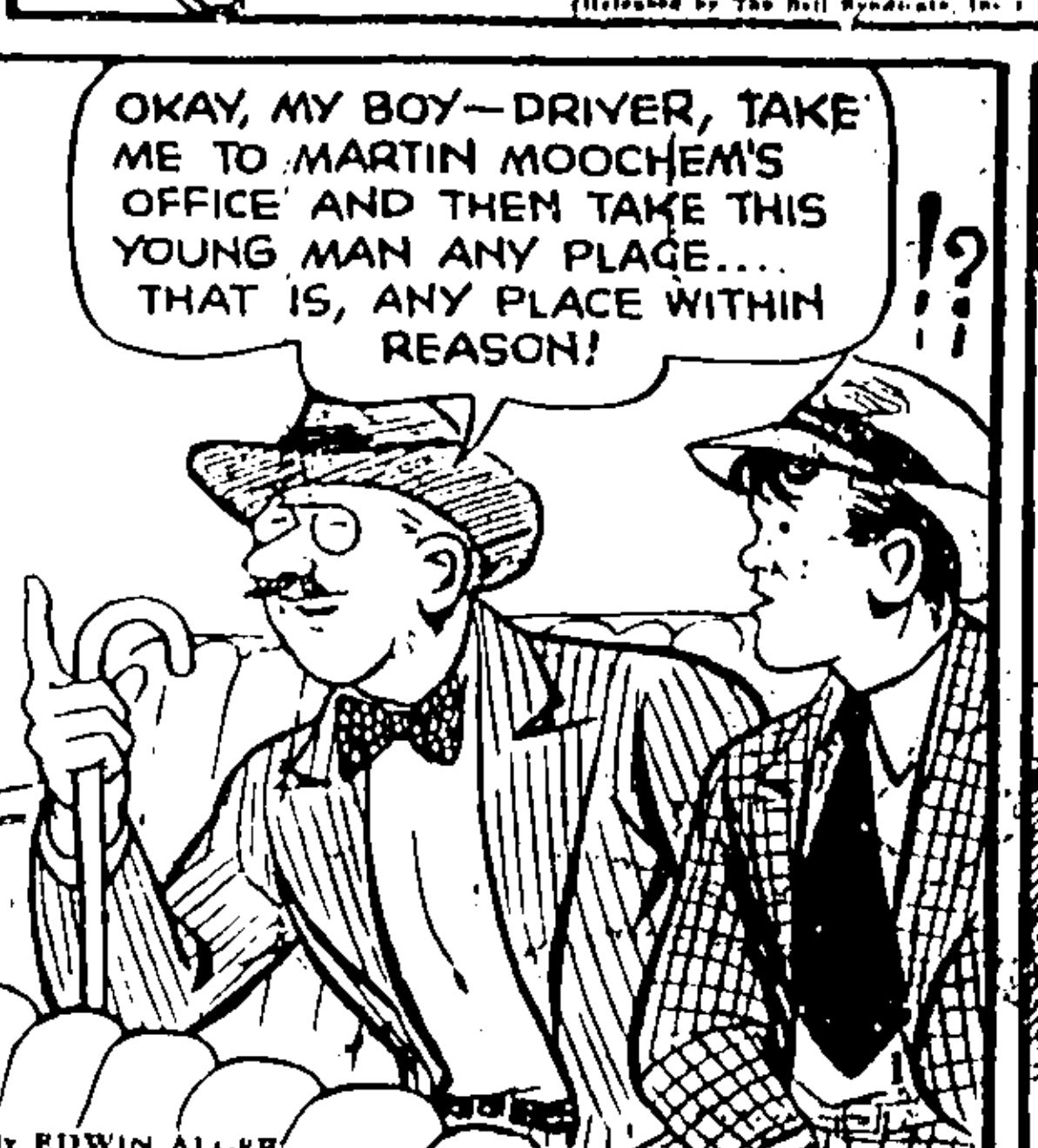
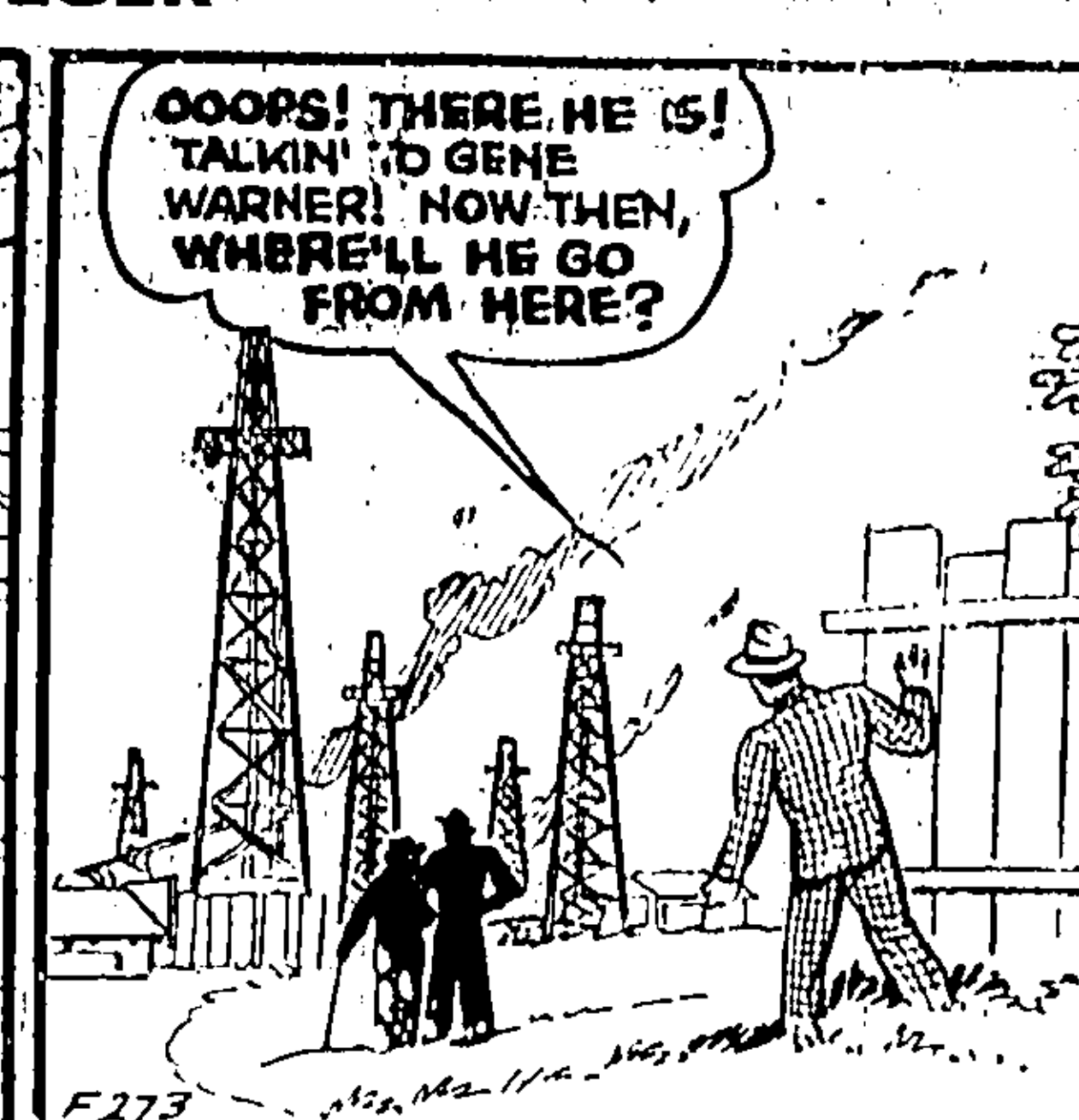
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By EDWIN ALGER

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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Figure Contouring

This is the simple story of correct body massage and the important part it can play in the removal of excess and unwanted fat.

Every woman knows that a certain amount of fat is essential to body health. It not only acts as a protective packing material in giving the human frame its smooth and rounded contours but is also a nutritive reserve. When this normal supply of fat is increased through lack of muscular exercise or incorrect diet, or both, it becomes a detriment to good looks and health. Every woman who discovers she is getting fat immediately wants to find a way to slim. She can with comparatively little effort and very great effect, slim through expert massage. But she should exercise some between visits to a salon.

What Are Muscles?

A muscle is that part of the body which may be called a structural element or organ, devoted to the production of movement in the body. In other words, every move we make is controlled by the muscles, and physical limberness depends upon their condition. Every muscle is fed by arteries that carry streams of food and oxygen to them. The muscles in turn select their required diet and the veins carry away the waste products.

When these muscles (through lack of proper exercise) cease to function as they should, disaster results and fat accumulates.

As one becomes older active exercise seems to become a physical strain even though it shouldn't become so. The answer then to a fat-controlled body is a passive form of exercise that massage offers. For massage places no exertion on the heart or other organs and should, thereby, prove the ideal method for reduction. Massaging not only conditions the muscular system and eliminates superfluous fat but it greatly benefits the nervous system through its soothing treatment.

What To Expect From A Masseuse

It is the task of the masseuse to seek the roots of fat disorder and correct it, if she can. The correct routine of massaging is both relaxing and stimulating. It



Keep healthy and slim through active outdoor exercise.

loosens the fat particles, breaking them into units more easily disposed of, and then tightens the muscles that have become flabby. It is vital for the masseuse to have almost as thorough a knowledge of the body as a surgeon, so be certain the woman you go to has been certified. Many outstanding women who work in this field have taken medical courses and their trained, skillful fingers, and pressure, do what you hope they will do!

If exercise has not been forbidden you could help the slimming process along by exercising between salon visits. And once you get a "pretty nigger" try to keep it so!

Styles For Long Hair

DON'T cut your hair. You will switch back to switches if you do, according to Emily Moore, hair stylist. For in her opinion the long hair vogue is coming back with a bang! The feminine public and the stars of stage and screen have shown their approval. Irene Hervey has made a Grecian coiffure popular. The hair is waved back from the face and braided into a big knot at the nape of the neck. In "Spring Parade," Deanna Durbin wears her hair braided into two buns, one over each ear, which is most in keeping with her youthful charm, and it is predicted that campus lassies will embrace this hair-do wholeheartedly. Sub-bobs and bobs likewise are showing a yen for longer hair fashions. They like Anne Gwynne's waves, which is coronet braids set back on softly waved



SOPHISTICATED CHARM is the keynote of this lovely long hair coiffure which Eleanor Powell wears so beautifully.

hair with a fringe of ringlets over the forehead. Sophisticated charm is radiated by Eleanor Powell's long hair fashion—parted in the center, her hair is rolled softly on each side high. These rolls are broken by a single fat curl above the ear. The rest of her hair is drawn loosely to the nape of her neck, braided and then pinned up. This

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stylists in this country believe that long hair, the real chignon worn low on the neck is definitely high-style to-day, and they have created the most exquisite hats and turbans to dramatize the new long-hair era. Gayly lined, ruffled, or the hat material cascade down the back of the hair, or layers of ruffled black lace form back drops. When these two women concentrate on bonnets for long-hair fashions you can wager the fashion is condoned!

Better Hair Health

Beauty editors will cheer this new style for now women can whip their hair into better health. Several permanent waves a year rob the hair of its vitality and the result you can see on any main street—discoloured, faded, frizzy, untidy ends hanging out from under the women's hats.

And another thing—a secret—most men ADORE long hair!

Single Goal Victory

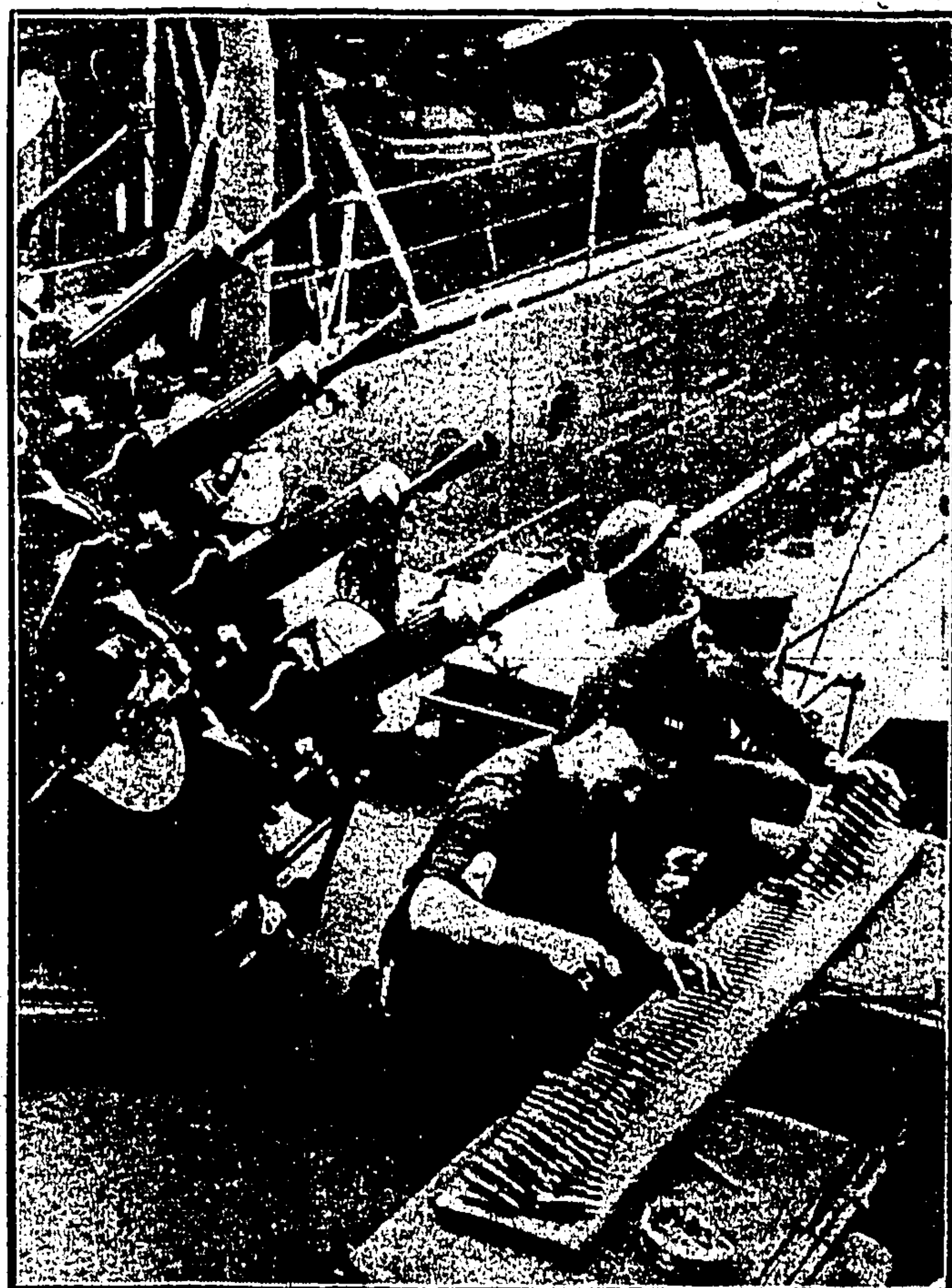


The Senior Shield match between the Middlesex and Sing Tao last Saturday provided one of the most thrilling soccer games of this season. Sing Tao won by the only goal. Here Cheung Wing-choi, hero of the match, who foiled the Middlesex forward, is seen saving a dangerous ball from a corner.

Officers of the Middlesex Regiment and of other units turned up in strength to last Saturday's Shield tie.



This is the Wildcat team which inflicted the season's first defeat on the Canuckettes in the softball league on Sunday. They won 11-2 and now challenge for the pennant.



This photograph, taken on the escorting vessel, shows men on board an East Coast Convoy proceeding South preparing machine guns for action. (Copyright, Fox).



It has been suggested that artists of repute should be invited by West End shopkeepers to design distinctive decorations for the blank spaces which now surround many of the 'peepshow' windows. The Leicester Galleries have had their make-shift window decorated in the form of a theatre proscenium arch with a splash of crimson encircling the columns; this now frames the small window through which one may view whatever is displayed within. (Copyright, Fox).



An Indian company of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps assisting in clearing up air raid damage in a London area. (Copyright, Fox).

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COLONIES' WAR RISK INSURANCE

Schemes similar to those provided for under the War Risks Insurance Act, which impose compulsory insurance of stocks against damage by enemy action, are under consideration in relation to those parts of the Colonial Empire which are more or less liable to enemy attacks.

This was announced by the Colonial Under-Secretary, replying to a Commons question, and he adds that such schemes would be administered by the Dependencies themselves. It is appreciated that most Dependencies are unable to meet unlimited liability and it is proposed to introduce legislation to empower the treasury to guarantee any such schemes in the Colonial Empire.

If this legislation is passed the Kenya and Uganda schemes will be guaranteed under it. — British Wireless.

H.K. Position

The "China Mail" understands that while the question of compulsory insurance against war damage has been preliminarily explored in Hong Kong, no immediate steps towards adoption of any scheme in the Colony are, at present, contemplated.

Enquiries in official quarters indicated that the question is not under active consideration.

Test Of A.R.P. Tunnels

Some 3,000 coolies are to be engaged in an experiment to test the ventilation of the A.R.P. Tunnel opposite the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Queen's Road East.

The experiment is to be carried out within the next ten days. Equipped with medical supplies, several government doctors will accompany the coolies in case of an emergency.

This will be the first experiment of its kind to be carried out by the Air Raid Precautions Department.

The coolies will remain in the tunnel for three hours beginning

Violent Attack In Central Zone Fails With Heavy Loss

MUNITIONS DUMP BLOWN UP

Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Albanian Frontier states that Greek long-range guns near Pogradetz blew up the Italian munition dump north-west of Lin on the shores of Lake Okhrida.—Reuter.

A VIOLENT ITALIAN counter-attack which was launched yesterday on the Central front in Albania, ended in a disastrous Italian defeat, according to Athens radio last night.

The enemy threw many troops and a considerable number of tanks and armoured cars into the battle in an attempt to break through the Greek lines.

The Italians were pushed back behind their base lines and their losses in men and material were heavy.

Several tanks and four armoured cars were destroyed.

The Greek forces have established themselves firmly in new positions.

The radio announcer added that operations on the Albanian

front yesterday were satisfactory in all areas.

On the mountain range beyond Klissoura, Greek forces are now consolidating their recent gains and organising new positions in view of the extensive operations which may be expected when the weather improves.

Greek artillery is active in the Northern sector but bad weather is hampering the Greek advance. In the coastal areas, some headway has been made. — Reuter.

H.Q. Communique

A G.H.Q. communique issued in Athens yesterday stated that there was limited activity of patrols and artillery.

An enemy tank attack was repulsed. Greece had another day free of raids, adds the Ministry for Public Security communique. — Reuter.

SAFETY CITIES PLAN

A project for centralising in Portugal all international efforts to protect children from the consequences of aerial warfare is to be made officially by the Portuguese Government to all the belligerent powers, according to a message from Lisbon.

A plan was unofficially put forward recently in the Lisbon newspaper "Diário de Noticias" urging the establishment of "safety cities" in all countries at war, where children would be guaranteed freedom from aerial bombardment.

"Let us centralise in Portugal and co-ordinate the magnificent work of the International Red Cross units," wrote the newspaper.

This generation, representing the Europe of to-morrow, cannot be held responsible for the bloody conflict which is now proceeding in Europe.

It is a question of saving from dread and fear and the inevitable physical debility, thousands of children — English, German, French, Italian, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian and Greek without distinction. — Reuter.

I SPY WITH MY LITTLE CROSS EYE

THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS have come here in Canadian uniform, declared Mr. Robert Hutchison, President of the American Eagle Club speaking at an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon in London yesterday.

Mr. Hutchison thought that there were seven or eight thousand Americans in service in Britain.

Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Shipping, speaking at the same luncheon said: "I feel I may look forward with confidence to the day when I shall know of the speed and scale of American shipping assistance."

Mr. Cross recalled that recently he told American journalists that he cast a covetous eye on enemy ships tied up in ports in America.

He added: "The song and dance which then emanated from Berlin had for me a high entertainment value because of its bonus qualities."

"I would only say now that the ships are still there and that I still have an eye and I am still capable of that little spiritual delinquency to which I had already confessed." — Reuter.

from 9 a.m.

The Chief Air Raid Warden and Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden for Hong Kong will be present during the experiment.

THE DAMAGE TO "ILLUSTRIOUS"

Col. Knox, the U.S. Secretary of Navy, revealed yesterday that H.M.S. Illustrious, after a direct hit by a 1,000-lb. bomb during the attack by dive-bombers in the Straits of Sicily, proceeded first to Malta and later to Alexandria under her own power.

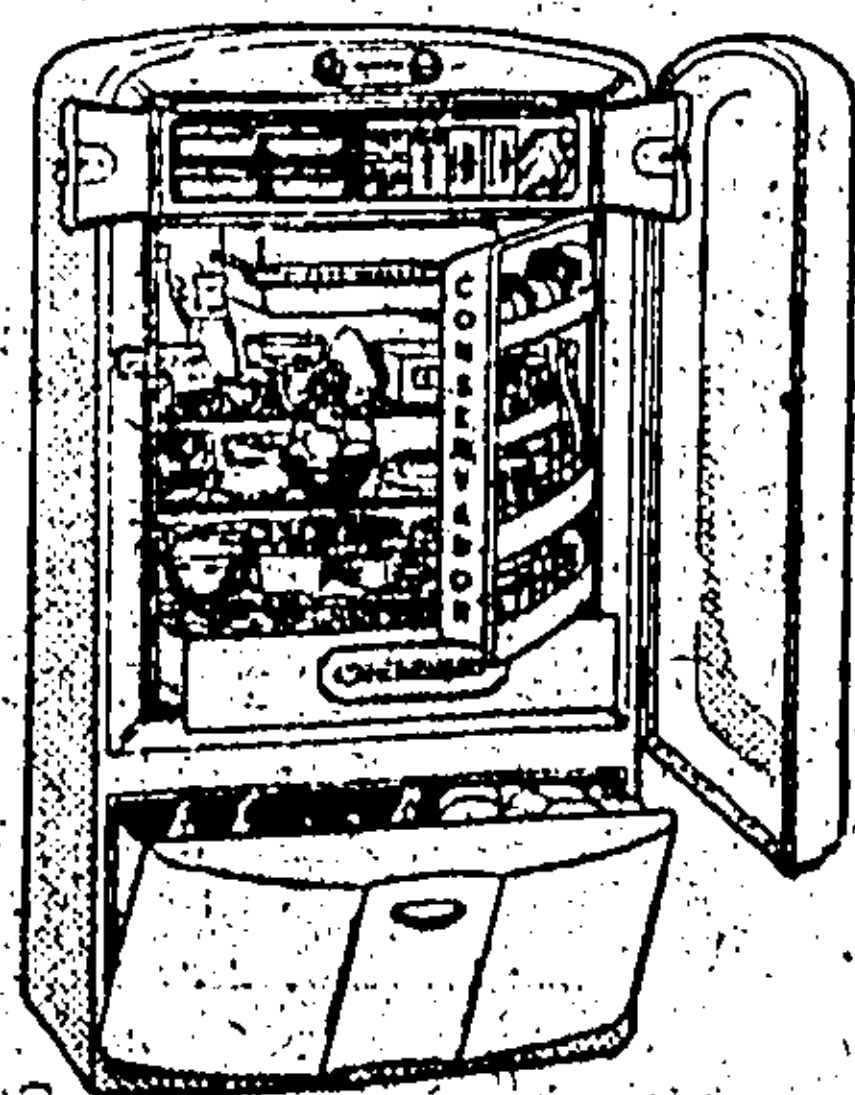
The bomb that struck Illustrious killed about 80 men and destroyed 20 bombers, but it failed to affect the vessel's navigability.

DR. CURRIE FLIES TO CHUNGKING

Dr. Lauchlin Currie, Administrative Assistant of President Roosevelt, boarded a plane for Chungking at 3.30 a.m. to-day.

Dr. Currie was accompanied by Dr. Hollington Tong, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's personal representative, and Mr. Emil Despres, Research Economist.

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Bombing Raids On Waichow

Civilians Ordered To Evacuate

INDISCRIMINATE bombing of Waichow was carried out yesterday by Japanese aircraft operating from the Japanese aircraft carrier in Bias Bay and from Canton, but the East River city was still in the hands of Chinese military last night.

Civilians have been ordered to evacuate. Reports received of Japanese troop movements, indicate that the Japanese plan to encircle the city.

CANADIAN AIR LINER DISASTER

All nine passengers and three members of the crew were killed when a Trans-Canada Airlines' plane crashed near Armstrong, Manitoba, yesterday, it is learned in Winnipeg.—Reuter.

SANDBAGS KILL FIVE

Five people were killed by sandbags which fell on them as they slept in a public air raid shelter.

This was stated at the Birmingham inquest on Shadi Mohammed, thirty-nine, Deborah Shadi Mohammed, twenty-nine, Glulam Mohammed, thirty-seven, who were Indians, and Hyman Borsock, thirty, and Lily Borsock, thirty-four, British Jews. All lived in Sutton Street, Birmingham.

Accidental death was the verdict in each case.

Shah Sha said that with other members of the party he went to the shelter about 7 o'clock on Friday night and talked to Hyman Borsock until about 11.30.

Then he saw the five people settle down to sleep with their heads against the base of a pile of sandbags.

He woke up at about six o'clock the next morning and saw the sandbags had collapsed.

Not To Be Trusted

All five persons were covered with dry sand. He dug out Mr. and Mrs. Shadi with his hands.

The shelter warden said there had never been any complaint about the piles of sandbags but he knew that there was a plan to remove the sandbags and replace them with brick walls.

An official of the public works department said that the new walls were being built because the shelter was being converted from an emergency shelter to a permanent shelter.

The coroner said there was no evidence to suggest that an accident of this kind could have been anticipated.

Evidence had made it clear that a sandbag wall in ideal conditions could not be trusted even after a couple of months. There was nothing the shelter warden could have done which would have prevented the accident.

More Japanese troops were landed at Bias Bay yesterday and it is now estimated that there are at least 6,000 Japanese troops in the vanguard operating against Waichow.

Chinese forces counter-attacked yesterday behind the Japanese line west of Tamshui and are reported to have routed the Japanese garrison at Ping Wu.

Chinese troops were also sent out from Waichow towards Sheklung and last night were reported to have made contact with Japanese patrols from that city.

Fighting is still in progress between Tamshui and Waichow, the Japanese apparently holding their positions until the arrival of reinforcements.

Some 900 Japanese troops are garrisoning Sha-yu-chung.

Border Quiet

Less than 20 refugees crossed the New Territories yesterday, according to police reports.

These have been sent to the Immigration Depot at Taipei.

Japanese Within Ten Miles of Waichow

Later, Last night, according to reports received this morning, the Japanese vanguard was about 10 miles south of Waichow and engaged with Chinese troops.

Waichow and the roads leading from the city were bombed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. yesterday, but failed to interrupt the steady stream of refugees from the city and the arrival of Chinese reinforcements from the north.

Four Japanese transports arrived in Bias Bay yesterday afternoon and more troops were disembarked as well as quantities of war materials.

Three Japanese warships arrived off Namtau yesterday and landed troops and supplies.

Ten Japanese armoured cars and tanks, and an artillery unit, left Shumchun last night for the fighting zone.

ANTONESCU DECREES

General Antonescu has published new decrees and announced that the interests of the State do not allow him to show leniency in future.

The death penalty will be imposed not only for possession of arms but also for drawing anti-Government cartoons.

Sentence of five to 15 years will be imposed for singing political songs.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF TUNG WAH

Mr. Fung Chi-ying, proprietor of the Ying Wah Dispensary, was elected Chairman of the Tung Wah group of hospitals at the annual general meeting last night.

Mr. Fung served in the same capacity in 1937 and in 1938 was elected Chairman of the Po Leung Kuk.



Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Charter, who were married at St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday. The bride was formerly Miss Yvonne Joyce Spencer Crowley. (King's Studio).

BRITISH AIR ACHIEVEMENTS: VICTORY PRELUDE

BRITAIN MUST WIN the air-war as the prelude to victory, declared Air Commodore Goddard in a broadcast last night.

Air Commodore Goddard added that the recent lull meant that the German air force had been having difficulties.

"We have got through the winter pretty well," he said. Over four hundred and eighty enemy aircraft had been destroyed in the last two months.

The ratio of British successes to losses in the months of December and January was three to one.

Forty enemy planes—most of them the much vaunted dive-bomber—had been shot down near Malta in two months, with only two British losses. It was a grand beginning.

Since June last year, R.A.F. squadrons in the Middle East had destroyed over three hundred and fifty aeroplanes in the air and probably as many on the ground.

Commodore Goddard disclosed that since June, Britain "collected" over one hundred and forty night bombers, apart from those in the sea.

The British night gunners had shot most of them.—Reuter.

EIRE LOOKS TO DANGER

The Government of Eire is arranging for the voluntary evacuation of children from Dublin City and Kingstown borough in the event of a situation arising which would render such course advisable.

The scheme covers families whose incomes do not exceed £300 per year, but all persons who intend to evacuate, whether they come within the Government scheme or not, will have to register.

The scheme will be put into operation only if and when the Eire Government decide that the safeguarding of the lives of women and children is absolutely necessary. — Reuter.

Empire Supplies In East

The Secretary of State for India, Mr. Amery, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that two recommendations by the Eastern Group Conference which was recently held in New Delhi, are being carried out.

Firstly, the establishment in India of a Central Provision Office to co-ordinate military requirements and secondly, the appointment of an Eastern Group Supply Council to co-ordinate production and supply.

The Governments concerned have accepted these proposals and Britain has appointed Sir Archibald Carter, formerly of the Admiralty Board, to be their representative on the Supply Council and Major-General W. C. Holden, as officer in charge of the Central Provision Office.

Mr. Amery stated that both officers are assuming office immediately.—Reuter.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF REUTERS

The Board of Directors of Reuters' have appointed Mr. Samuel Storey, M.P., to be Chairman of the Company in succession to Sir Roderick Jones. — Reuter.

DOG'S CRADLE VIGIL AS BOMBS FELL

THROUGH ELEVEN HOURS of hell, while Hitler's airmen rained death and destruction on Coventry, a fluffy grey and white terrier, Bob, kept an unbroken vigil over the cradle in which his seven-month-old master was sleeping.

Perched on his hind legs, his front paws resting on the side of the cradle, Bob watched the sleeping child. Now and then, as bombs screamed down, and the house shook from the vibrations, Bob growled quietly.

And when with the dawn, the sirens sounded the Raiders passed, he leaned over the cradle, licked his little master's face, curled up alongside him, and went to sleep.

Through many air-raid alarms, Bob has watched over the child, Nicholas Young, son of a Coventry engineer. As soon as the warnings sound, Bob stations himself at the cradle side, and there he stays till danger has gone.

Twice Bombed

The home of the Youngs has been twice damaged by bombs. Glass has shattered into the sitting-room where the baby sleeps; plaster has fallen from the ceiling, but Bob has never shown fright.

"When my son was born I gave Bob to him as a Christening gift," Mr. Young told a reporter.

"Since then, Bob has appointed himself personal bodyguard. All day long he romps and plays with Nicholas, and at night he sleeps beside the cradle.

"Often Nicholas wakes up during the night, but Bob licks his face, and the baby smiles and goes to sleep again."

HAYASHI RELEASED ON BAIL

MR. HAYASHI, 70-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT OF THE JAPANESE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION, WHO HAS BEEN HELD UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE JAPANESE CONSULAR POLICE FOR THE ALLEGED WOUNDING OF MR. W. J. KESWICK, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, AND TWO JAPANESE OFFICIALS AT THE RATEPAYERS MEETING ON JANUARY 23, WAS RELEASED LAST NIGHT IN SHANGHAI UNDER BOND.

Mr. Hayashi will be confined to his home until his departure for Nagasaki in the near future where he will be brought to trial on the charge of attempted murder.—Reuter.

DR. DE GEER UPSETS FRIENDS

Returns To Enemy Occupied Holland From Lisbon

Breach Of Undertaking By An Old Man

THE ROYAL Netherlands Government has announced that it had learnt yesterday with a profound sense of indignation that, notwithstanding solemn assurances given to the contrary, Dr. D. J. de Geer, ex-Prime Minister of the Netherlands, has left Lisbon for the enemy-occupied part of the kingdom in Europe.

Dr. de Geer who is 78 years of age, was Prime Minister from June, 1939, to September, 1940. Thus he was head of the Government at the moment of the German invasion on May 10 last year and had an important share in the responsibility for the unanimous decision of the Cabinet to leave The Hague for London with Her Majesty the Queen.



The King and Queen, with whom is Mr. George Gibson, Chairman of the T.U.C., inspecting mobile canteens at Buckingham Palace. The canteens were the gift of the T.U.C. to the Y.M.C.A. (Copyright, Fox).

GERMAN GIRL, 19, 'TOO YOUNG TO WED'

A blonde German girl of 19 told Sir Gervais Renault, the West London Magistrate, that a German girl was far older for her years than an English girl of the same age.

She was Agnes Salomon, of Pembroke Road, Kensington, a refugee from Germany, once a University student, but was now earning £2 a week in a factory.

The girl applied for consent to marry 23-year-old Friederick Schag on the grounds that the consent of her mother, who lived in Frankfurt-on-Main, was unobtainable.

The girl's case was that she had known Schag for four or five months, and that they worked together in the same factory.

She came to England a fortnight before the outbreak of war, having won a scholarship to Exeter University. She was alone in a strange country, and her father, who had been interned in the Isle of Man, had given his written consent to the marriage.

"No Happiness"

Sir Gervais told her: "You are very young and this man is not in a position to marry you."

"It would be wretched to try to live on £2 a week."

"I feel that when a girl of 19 wants to marry on that money after so short a time it is not likely to lead to happiness."

Fraulein Salomon interrupted: "I have thought it over very carefully. I know many English girls and they all say that I am much older than they are."

Sir Gervais: "I do not consider a girl of 19 knows her own mind in regard to wishing to spend her whole life with a man she has only known five months. You can renew your application in a few months' time."

PUNISHMENT PROMISED

The Japanese who set fire on February 3 to the matchless at the Race Course are detained at the Japanese Consular Police Headquarters.

Spokesmen of the Japanese Consulate-General and of the Japanese Gendarmerie expressed regret over the incident, and indicated that the two Japanese would be rigorously punished. — Central News.

Soon after the resignation of Dr. de Geer from the Premiership in September last year, the Government decided to entrust him with a mission to the Netherlands East Indies, which would have enabled him to join some members of his family living in that part of the kingdom.

Dr. de Geer left England in November last on the express condition that the official facilities granted to him were to serve exclusively for the purpose just mentioned and he himself gave a formal undertaking to that effect.

Breach Of Loyalty

Having learned with deep regret that the former Prime Minister has broken this solemn pledge by returning to occupied territory, the Royal Netherlands Government have the painful duty to make it known that they consider Dr. de Geer's conduct a breach of loyalty and an act detrimental to the national interests.

This unfortunate incident, concluded the announcement, can in no way be accepted as an indication of any change in the firm determination of the Royal Netherlands Government to continue the war against Germany on the side of their British ally until ultimate victory. — Reuter.

Aged And Anxious

It is learned in Dutch circles in London that Dr. De Geer, former Prime Minister of the Netherlands Government, decided to go to Holland because he was anxious about his wife's health. It was reported in London last night that on his arrival in Lisbon, Dr. De Geer learned that his wife, who had remained in Holland throughout the war, was dangerously ill.

A prominent Dutchman in London said: "Dr. De Geer has been feeling his advancing age for a long time and has been pining for his family. He had grown feeble and frail. In peace-time, he was an admirable Prime Minister, but he was not the man for such a vigorous task as prosecuting the war." — Reuter.

EVACUATION OF BERLIN'S CHILDREN

PROGRESS IN THE EVACUATION OF BERLIN CHILDREN TO DESTINATIONS EAST AND SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL IS REFERRED TO BY THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE MADRID NEWSPAPER, "A.B.C."

The correspondent says it is hoped that this evacuation will be complete by February 20.

The same correspondent quotes reports that His Holiness the Pope will send a message to Berlin and London, expressing a desire for more humane aerial warfare. — Reuter.

ADMIRAL NOMURA IN SAN FRANCISCO

Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, arrived in San Francisco yesterday.

Admiral Nomura told reporters that there were no questions between Japan and the United States that could not be settled amicably. — Reuter.

BOMBED, IT HAD A SALE

A London store hit by a high-explosive bomb during the night did a brisk trade — selling damaged stock cheaply.

"People came sight-seeing and stopped to buy," said a woman executive.

A large notice—"Business almost as usual"—was exhibited outside the store, which was extensively damaged.

The bomb went through the roof at one end of the store.

It is believed that members of the staff and occupants of flats were in shelters in the basement.

It Opened On Time

Several bodies have so far been recovered. A number of injured were taken to hospital.

It is believed that an oil bomb was also dropped. It started a fire.

Before this was got under control further damage was done to the basement from the floor above.

Some departments were completely wrecked, but in the morning the store opened promptly at nine.

Some of the stock from the wrecked departments was salvaged and transferred to undamaged departments and the staff of the wrecked departments were on duty to take orders.

LORD WILLINGTON UNWELL

The British Trade Mission to South America arrived in Colombia to-day.

Lord Willington has been compelled to abandon leadership of the mission owing ill-health and is returning to England shortly. — Reuter.

COL. DONOVAN IN JERUSALEM

Colonel Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy to the Balkan countries and the Near East, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday.

He had conversations with the High Commissioner, Sir Harold MacMichael. — Reuter.

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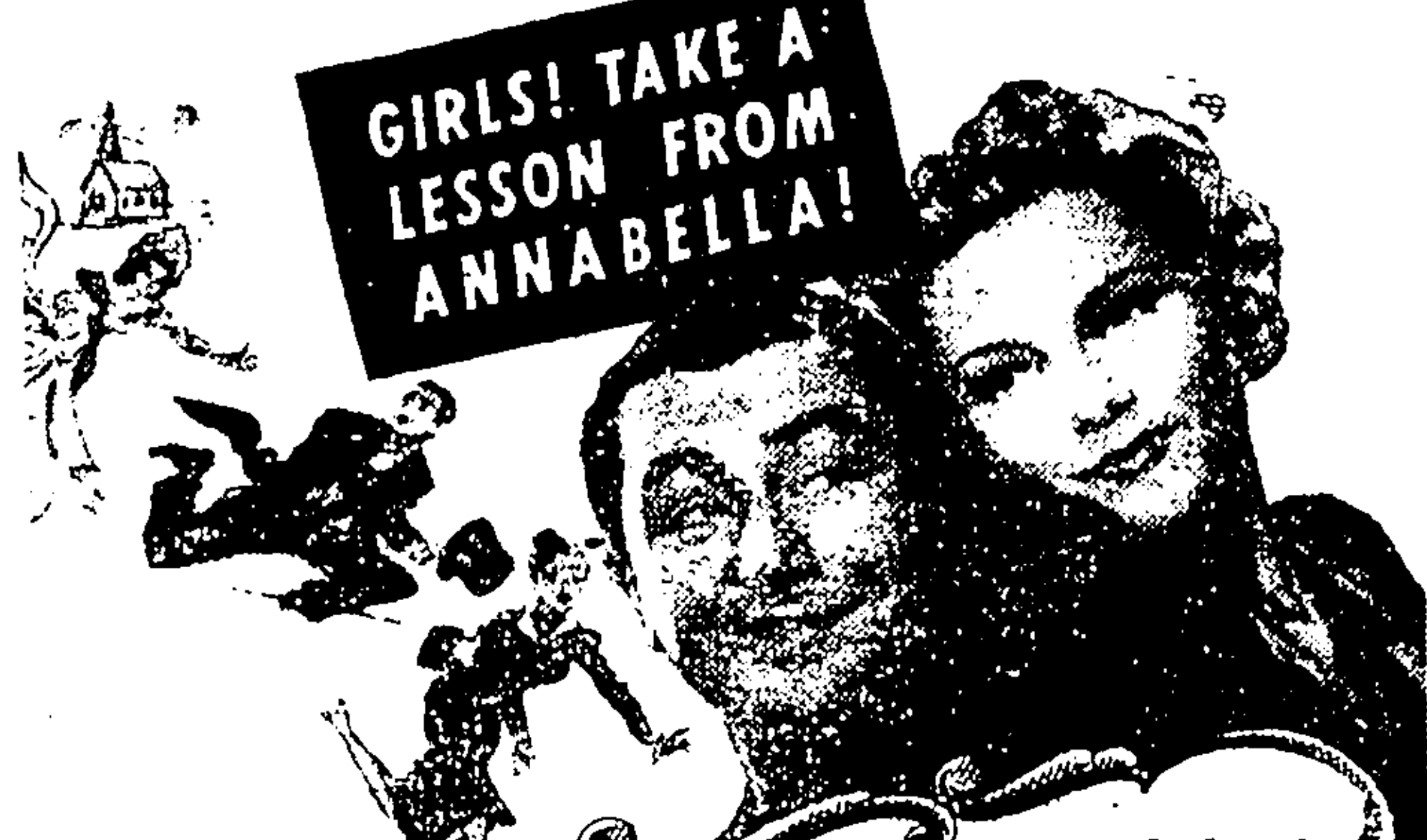
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MARSHAL PETAIN MAKES COMPROMISE OFFER TO HITLER

ADMIRAL DARLAN, accompanied by General Huntziger, Vichy War Minister, is reported to be in Paris with counter-proposals from Marshal Petain to Herr Hitler's demands.

It is believed that the proposals suggest a compromise whereby M. Laval will be included in the Vichy Government without accepting Hitler's more drastic demands.

The Vichy correspondent of a Swiss newspaper declares that M. Laval told Admiral Darlan that he would not mind handing over French naval bases in the south of France and Tunis so long as Germany would not take over the French Fleet and the Army.

This correspondent also declares that M. Laval stated that he would not join the Vichy Cabinet unless he could gain control of the Police, the Press and the radio.

More Violent

In the meantime, threats from the German-controlled press and radio in Paris continue to become more and more violent. The latest threat is that unless Marshal Petain can reach an agreement the next problem will be to save the Marshal.

A German station in Stuttgart, broadcasting in French, said, "Remember there is only an armistice between Germany and France, and peace has not been established. If the position remains the same for the present, or changes for the worse as it is likely to, Germany will have to impose much more severe peace terms. We must, therefore, warn France."

A Directorate

The latest rumour is that, instead of a triumvirate, there may be a directorate of four under Marshal Petain, the other members being M. Laval, Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Baudoin.

All reports of a solution which may be reached should be regarded as speculation.

Political circles in Berlin show great reserve concerning French policy and no declaration has been made at the Wilhelmstrasse concerning the formation of the new National Party in Paris or the attitude of the Vichy Government.

Call For Recruits

Radio stations in unoccupied France are urging young Frenchmen to join the army. This follows the recent appeals for young men to join the French navy.—Reuter.

LONDON FEARS OF TAXATION

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday, hesitant conditions prevailed at the outset and some marking down in prices occurred but, in the absence of any selling pressure, the markets closed steadier.

Industrial issues, especially tobacco, were dominated by fears of taxation. Oil shares were occasionally a shade off, while Kaffirs closed steady. Among foreign bonds, Japanese bonds further hardened. Brazilian and Belgian issues also improved.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

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Admiral Leahy Sees The Marshal

ACCORDING TO A VICHY MESSAGE TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY IN BERLIN, MARSHAL PETAIN YESTERDAY RECEIVED THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, ADMIRAL LEAHY.—REUTER.

VACCINATION REFUSAL NOT BAR TO R.A.F.

Refusal to be vaccinated or inoculated is not a disqualification for enlistment in the Royal Air Force.

Attention of recruiting officers has been recently drawn to the instruction that inoculation and vaccination can only be done by consent, and that recruits must not be rejected if they refuse.

This statement is made in a written answer by Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for A.R. to Mr. W. Leach, M.P. for Bradford.

MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS IN INDIA

A further nine-hundred Italian prisoners, including one hundred and four officers, have arrived in Bombay.—Reuter.

OUTBREAK OF RUFFIANISM IN SHANGHAI

Invited to make a statement "on the outbreak of ruffianism in the International Settlement of Shanghai" Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said: "While Mr. Anthony Eden has some preliminary information on the attempt at arson at the Shanghai Race Club and the bombing of the Special District Court, he is not yet in a position to give a detailed official account of these incidents."—Reuter.

MR. C. E. GAUSS' APPOINTMENT

A message from Washington states that President Roosevelt has formally nominated Mr. Clarence Gauss, United States Minister to Australia, to be Ambassador to China, in succession to Mr. Nelson T. Johnson.—Reuter.

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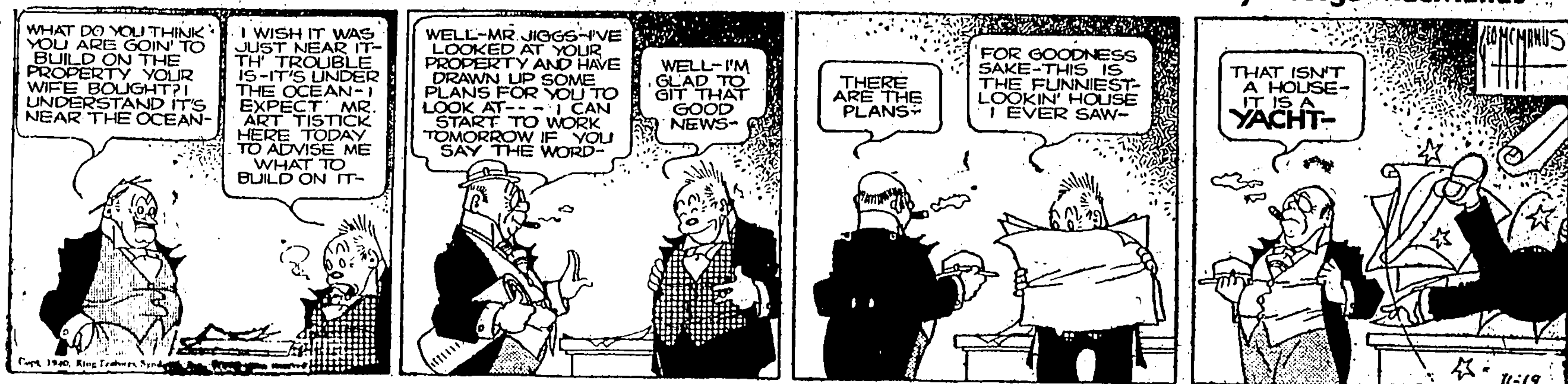
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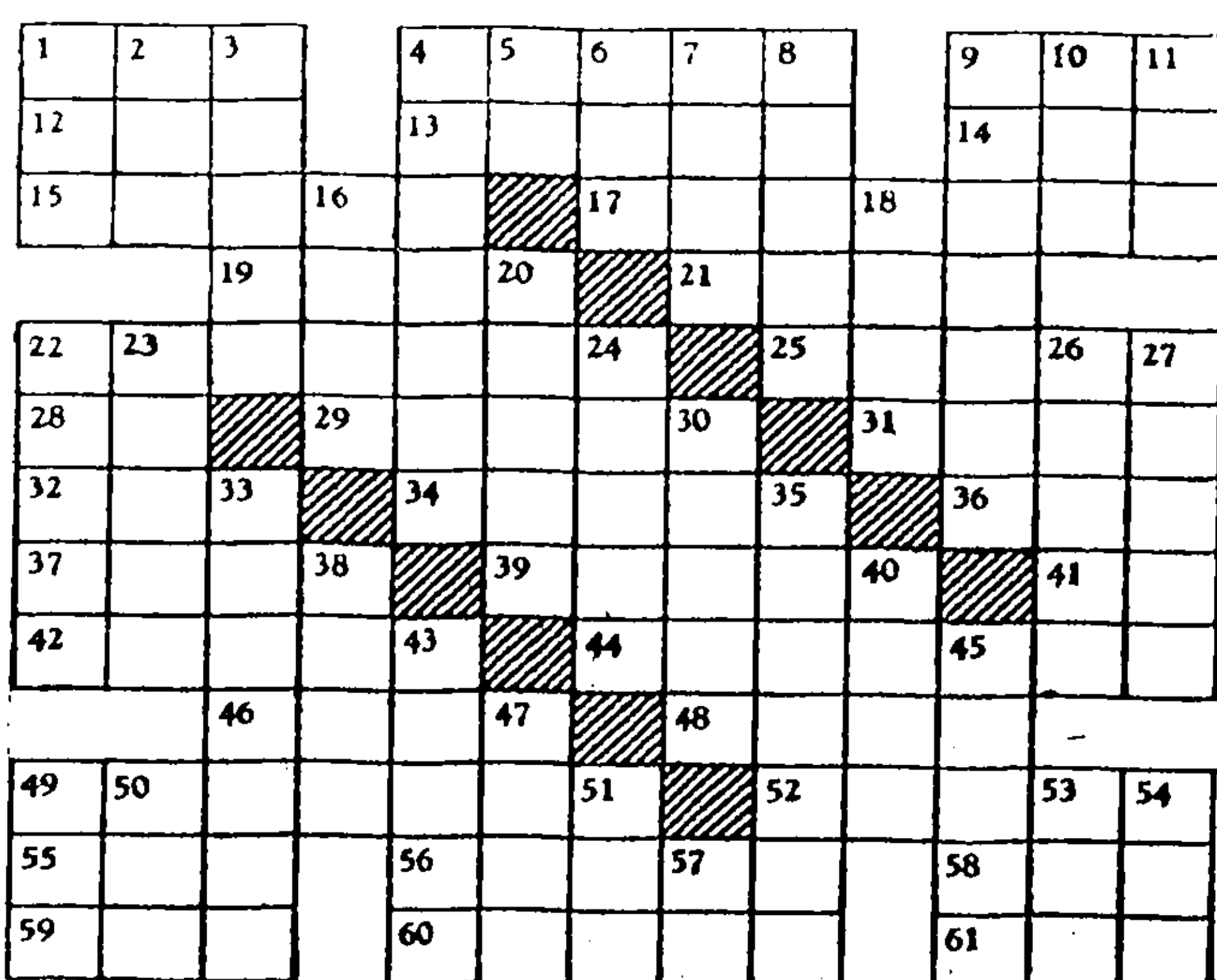
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- 4 Hindu princes
- 9 Greek letter
- 12 To be mistaken
- 13 To combine
- 14 Sprinted
- 15 Appendages
- 17 Irregular
- 18 Adds
- 21 To appear
- 22 Believed
- 25 To respond
- 28 Pronoun
- 29 Outcast
- 31 To play a prominent part
- 32 Pronoun
- 34 More uncommon
- 36 High priest
- 37 Makes lace
- 39 Paths
- 41 Note of scale
- 42 To excite
- 44 A number
- 46 Diminutive of Mary
- 48 Used to be
- 49 Mussed
- 52 To make requital

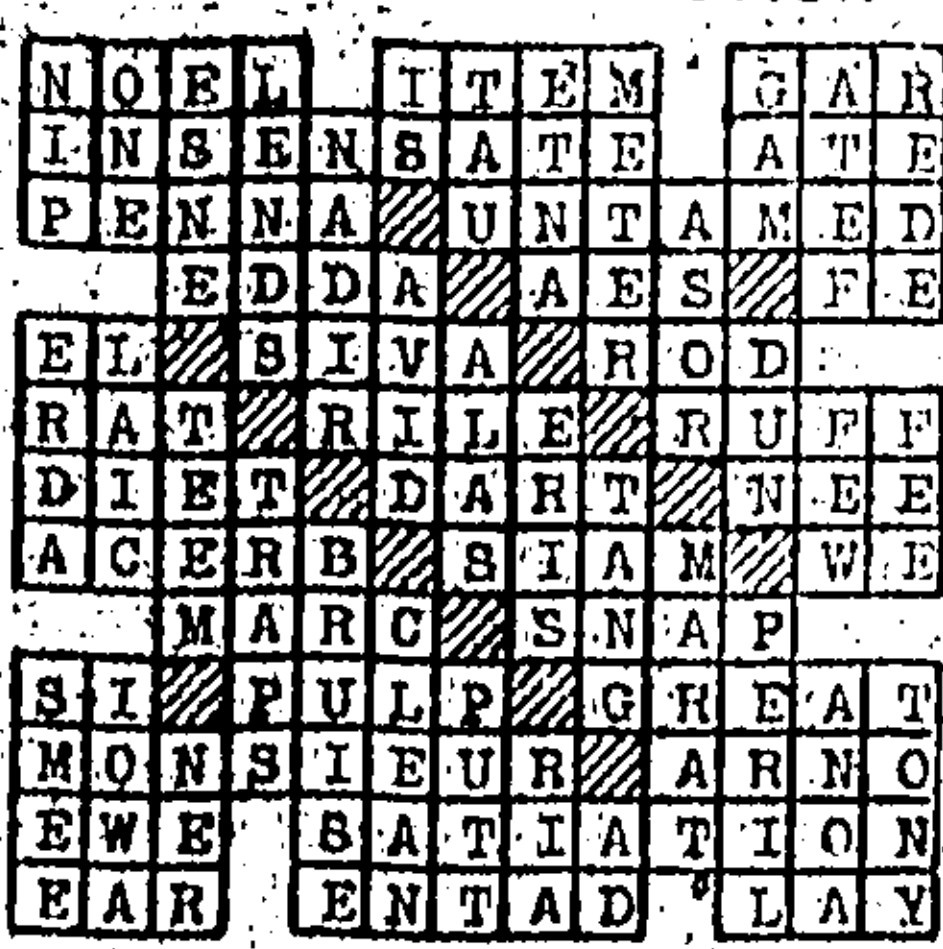
VERTICAL

- 55 Ibsen character
- 56 To be available
- 58 Holland commune
- 59 By
- 60 Ethiopian title
- 61 Base

VERTICAL

- 1 Gushing flow
- 2 Anglo-Saxon money
- 3 Banal
- 4 Colloquial: cattle-thief
- 5 Article
- 6 Nothing
- 7 Philippine aborigines

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



8 Covered

- 9 To reduce to ashes
- 10 Owns
- 11 Nooks
- 12 To lie at ease
- 13 Dregs
- 14 Calyx leaf
- 15 To strike
- 16 Part of a corolla
- 17 Egyptian measure of length (pl.)
- 18 House plant
- 19 Examination
- 20 To invigorate
- 21 To talk haltingly
- 22 Venerates
- 23 To cease
- 24 Withered
- 25 Girl's name
- 26 To keep at a distance
- 27 Smooth consonant
- 28 Colloquial: to criticize
- 29 To employ
- 30 Delved
- 31 Noise
- 32 Evergreen tree
- 33 Symbol for ruthenium

CHOSE WEEK AMID BOMBS

Sacrificing a week's holiday, Mr. A. P. Wood, managing director of a Yorkshire chemical company, came to London and worked voluntarily for seven days as a full-time air-raid warden in one of the capital's worst-bombed boroughs.

He had never heard a bomb or shell explode until this strange "holiday." He was not old enough for military service when the last war ended.

Head warden for Snaith, West Yorks, and several villages within a radius of twenty miles, he wanted to get experience of bombing—and he got it.

"Don't make me into a hero—that's just what I'm not," he said. "As a matter of fact no bombs fell near me—well, not really near. One was about twenty yards away and a few made me fall flat on the ground—but that's all."

He left his home in one of the safest villages in England with letters of introduction to a chief warden in London. He chose the area himself.

"I thought it would be valuable if I could tell our wardens what an air-raid is like, and how to act if Snaith got a bit of what London has been getting," he said.

"I took all my own equipment and obeyed all orders as though I were a paid warden."

TRAGEDY AT INN: 4 ACCUSED

Four men were charged at Edmonton Police Station in connection with the death of a woman who was shot at an off-licence during a night air raid.

The woman was manageress of the off-licence, which is attached to the Alexandra Park Tavern, Wood Green.

It was disclosed at the inquest that she was married and that her name was Gwendoline Louisa Wherman. Her maiden name was Cox and she was known at her place of business as Miss Cox.

Philip Leonard Wilson, insurance agent of Duckett Road, Harringway, said the woman was a friend of his.

She was forty-three years of age and had been previously married to a man named Wherman. He understood that she had been divorced. He knew nothing about her husband.

Dr. Temple Grey, pathologist, of Harley Street, said death was due to shock and haemorrhage from a gun-shot wound in the chest.

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Indian Troops Shine In Western Desert

"The inspiring feat of arms achieved by troops from India in the recent successful operations in the Western Desert in Egypt" is the subject of a special message received by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief from the Army Council.

"The British soldier is proud," says the message, "once again to have gained the victory side by side with his Indian brother in arms. The Army Council extends to you their warmest congratulations. The courage and endurance shown by all ranks, British and Indian, have aroused our keenest admiration."

"How Indian troops took their full share in the capture and destruction of the Italian forces on Egyptian soil can now be told in full detail."

Brave Dust Storm

Between December 6 and 7 an Indian division, under cover of a dust storm, left their concentration area near Marsa Matruh and concentrated apparently unobserved, after a 25 to 50 mile march, near Kenay to the southwest. On the following day the division moved some fifty miles further to the west into an area about 15 miles south-east of Nibeiwa camp where the Italian armoured forces under General Maletti which included elements of a Black Shirt division were located. Here our troops were joined by armoured units. The Italian position had been reconnoitred during hours of darkness and it was found that the defences were definitely weaker on the south-west than elsewhere. It was accordingly decided to attack the camp from the south-west, but at the same time with the aid of some artillery and infantry to create an impression of an attack from the south-east. During the night of December 8/9 the troops moved to their assembly positions for the attack the noise of their movements being covered by aircraft which flew over the camp and dropped bombs. Artillery was brought up into position within 700 yards range of the enemy forces.

Hand-To-Hand Fighting

The attack began about 7 a.m. on the morning of the 9th and was preceded by a short but heavy concentration of artillery fire on the enemy defences. Simultaneously our tanks attacked and reached the defences about 7-30 a.m. They were closely followed by British and Indian infantry who had been brought up in motor transport to within 800 yards of the enemy positions. The tank attack was covered by a smoke screen and broke through the enemy lines. Many enemy tanks were caught while they were still in their tank park with their engines warming up.

They were fired on while still in rows and were soon on fire. The Italians were evidently heavily shaken by the tank attack following so closely on the artillery bombardment and by the almost simultaneous arrival of British and Indian infantry who swept through the camp.

There was, however, a considerable resistance in the south-east corner of the camp where hand to hand fighting took place. By 8-45 a.m. the whole of this large defended camp was ours. Some 2,000 prisoners were taken immediately, some thirty enemy tanks were destroyed and twenty-five to thirty guns of various calibres captured in addition to many light and heavy machine-guns.

Tummar Attacked

Following on the capture of Nibeiwa the Indian division moved northwards towards Tummar West which formed part of another Italian defended position, some 5 to 6 miles north of Nibeiwa. By 12-30 p.m. the reconnaissance of this position had been completed. An attack was launched from the north-west along the normal line of entry into the camp at 1-45 p.m. Our tanks entered the camp at 2 p.m. followed by two infantry battalions, one British and one Indian, who swept to the right and left respectively as soon as they had penetrated the defences.

700 Captured

A further Indian battalion formed a defensive flank to the east to guard against any counter attack which might be launched from that direction. The attack was completely successful.

Our men were in high spirits and three thousand prisoners and many guns were taken in the Tummar position. During this time other troops of the Division staged an attack on the Italian position of Tummar east. This was executed by a detachment of tanks and an Indian Battalion. The attacking force passed through our troops while under shell fire at about 3-15 p.m. — the Indian Battalion in lorries and cheering madly. This advance ran into an enemy counter-attack which had just been launched. One Company of the Indian troops got out of their lorries and bringing their automatic weapons into action, killed about four hundred of the enemy, while another Company captured about seven hundred more who surrendered on seeing the fate of their fellows. Altogether about one thousand prisoners were taken in this particular action and as darkness fell they were led off to Tummar west, the main position of Tummar east was occupied early next morning the night being spent in the vicinity of Tummar west.

Enemy Trapped

The attack was continued on the morning of December 10 against further minor enemy positions between Tummar west and Sidi Barrani, more Italian prisoners being captured. At 4-15 p.m. an attack, supported by artillery and tanks, was launched to secure the Sidi Barrani road to the east of that place. This attack reached its objective easily, opposition being only slight. On December 11 operations were continued to trap the enemy in Sidi Barrani and were carried out in cooperation with other portions of our forces operating to the east. In this drive the remnants of a Black Shirt Division and a Libya Division were caught and surrendered. In the meantime one of the brigades of the Indian Division had been mopping up Italian positions to the east to Tummar west. The Italian garrison of a defended position known as Point Ninety was summoned to surrender.

Slight Casualties

They at first agreed to do so and then changed their minds. Accordingly they were attacked by our tanks and Indian infantry. The attack had just entered the position when the enemy surrendered, three to four thousand prisoners being taken. In the zone of the Indian Division, no more organised enemy resistance remained and the rest of the daylight was spent in mopping up and collecting Italian prisoners and material. The full extent of our casualties has not yet been ascertained but they are known to have been remarkably slight in view of the extent of the operations and the strength of the Italian positions. — A. P.

INDIAN TROOPS DO FINE WORK

Details of the fine work done by Indian troops in Eritrea now available in New Delhi show that the Punjab, Garwal, Baluch and frontier force regiments fought throughout in the battle which resulted in the occupation of Barentu.

The occupation followed a five-day battle fought by one Indian Brigade through a narrow gorge and a ten-day battle fought along the Aicota/Barentu road by another Indian Brigade.

With their experience in mountain warfare, the Indian troops excelled themselves in the difficult country around Barentu, resembling the North-West frontier, forcing the enemy to retreat from their mountain positions at the point of the bayonet and repulsing numerically superior attacks.

Indian troops are among those now advancing from Agordat towards Kerem. — Reuter.

PREMIER'S TRIBUTE TO LORD LLOYD

In the course of a tribute to the memory of Lord Lloyd, the Prime Minister spoke of the loss as being particularly painful to him in view of many years' friendship.

"We championed several causes together which did not command the applause of large majorities. It is just in this kind of cause, where the swimmer is against stream, that one learns the worth and quality of a friend." — British Wireless.

PROPAGANDA GERMAN AND BRITISH

Comparing British and German methods of using broadcasting, Mr. Ogilvie, Director-General of the B.B.C., in a speech last night said: "British broadcasting in peace time was used unlike the German, for the purposes of peace."

"In wartime, it is used, like the German, as an instrument of war, but its methods are the opposite of German methods at almost every point."

German technique is laid amazingly bare in the pages of "Mein Kampf." It depends upon lies, big lies, especially as Hitler says it should.

The British methods are those of Democracy which is fighting for its life, is fighting for freedom. And more than that, they are the only methods which, in the long run, are effective.

Mass hysteria, the inflaming of brutal passions — these may have their success for a time. But the effect of them wears off and then revulsion follows with unforeseeable consequences for those who turned the power of propaganda to evil purposes." — British Wireless.

ICELAND PRAISES BRITISH

The excellent relations which exist between Icelanders and British troops occupying their country are described by M. Thor Thors, Iceland Consul-General in New York, in an interview published in the "Herald Tribune."

Estimating the size of the occupying force, which includes Canadians and Norwegians, at "perhaps 60,000 soldiers," he added, "that cooperation has been perfect between the Icelandic and British police, and, most important to us, the British have not interfered with the affairs of our Government. Our radio and Press have remained free, and we can hear every night news from London and Berlin."



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"Should Britain fail?" What, Americans may ask, is the very best that they can expect if that dire thing should come to pass? A brooding and uneasy peace; a peace in which they would continue to arm feverishly because they could not trust the future; burdens of taxation such as they cannot contemplate on the basis of any experience they have had thus far; their own democracy refashioned into some kind of totalitarianism as they struggled both to support a war economy and to hold a dwindling share of trade. And the worst?

Britain under fascism; the Dark Ages again in Europe; enemies on two fronts; the spectre of invasion.

Between the United States and this grim prospect there now stands England: not imperial England, not the England of the Black-and-Tans, not the England of the old school tie, not the England of the House of Lords, but the England—or Britain—of millions of common, hard-working, long-suffering men, women and children who could end the war by a surrender to-morrow if they brought pressure on their Government, but who steadfastly refuse to do so.

If Americans face the facts they realise what bulwark it is that protects their young men from the danger of battle and the rest from the hardships that would be "should Britain fail." That bulwark, at the moment, is not the British Empire, or the British Army, or the British Air Force, or even the British Navy which has guarded the seas so long. It is the bodies of British civilians, exposed of their own free choice to mutilation and death. It is these men and women, in nightly peril, who give security and make "isolation" possible.

INSIDE FRANCE

News from France during the past few weeks has been scanty, out from such reports as are available there appears to have been little or no change in the material situation of that unfortunate country. But there is evidence of a striking change in the frame of mind of many French people. It is true that M. Laval, the apostle of complete subservience to Germany, remains in Paris, where he receives such orders as Abetz may choose to give him. You may remember that it was Abetz who so skillfully directed the Nazi campaign of propaganda, bribery, and corruption in France—and Paris in particular—in the months immediately preceding the outbreak of war. And just as then he found Frenchmen who were ready to act as his tools, so now there are some who apparently feel that the best hope for France is tame submission to an enemy who has never concealed his long-standing determination to reduce their country to the status of a third-class power.

In her present plight France can't hope, of course, to put up a successful resistance to any German demand, however onerous it may be. Yet there is a world of difference between willing subservience and the sullen performance of a rebellious heart. To their credit some members of the Vichy Government seem to do as little as they can to please their German task-masters, but it is not from Vichy that the seeds of French resistance will be sown. The signs that France, the real France, is not dead come from elsewhere. Enough is now known to encourage the belief that parts of certain sections of the community—I will say no more than that—are beginning to drag themselves out of the slough of despond into which they were plung-

ed by the sudden and unexpected breakdown of French resistance. One of these signs is evidence of a very definite change of attitude towards Great Britain.

Until Germany began her so-called aerial blitzkrieg against Britain many millions of people across the Channel were in a state of fiery resentment against Britain for a variety of reasons. After the first terrible shock of sudden and utter defeat had passed away they began to wonder how and why it had happened. For a time the sins of their own politicians and the shortcomings of their military organisation were rightly

By
Thomas Cadett

regarded as the chief causes of the disaster. But there is always a natural tendency to shift the blame for failure upon someone else's shoulders, and this was cleverly exploited to the full, both by some of the guilty parties and by the Germans themselves.

Obviously it was to the advantage of those who might otherwise have been called to account that the justifiable bitterness of the nation as a whole should be diverted against another target. So you found the Lavals, the Bennets, the Flandins, and their like encouraging their countrymen to believe that Great Britain was the villain of the piece. The Britons had forced them into war, they had failed to give them the support they had promised, they had cut and run, leaving them (the French) to face disaster. To make the accusation more plausible, charges were trumped up

against such advocates of continued resistance as Paul Reynaud, Mandel, and others. The Germans themselves were delighted with this tendency and did all that they could to encourage it. You can see for yourselves the advantage to Germany of having a France which would transfer her hatred of the invader to her former ally. Every imaginable form of lie and distortion was used in the process, and for a time it came off.

Let me give you an example. I recently met a French airman who was in Morocco when the unhappy incident occurred at Oran (where the British were obliged to take action to prevent the French Fleet from sailing off to surrender and—invariably—to seizure by the Germans). This airman told me that when he heard about the action he bitterly regretted it but nevertheless felt that the British could have done nothing else. But then he heard that British aeroplanes had fired upon defenceless French sailors struggling in the water, 'I was boiling with rage when I was told this,' he said. 'If I had had a plane at that moment, I would have taken it up and bombed anything British within reach. But two or three days later I heard the truth. When your planes flew over our ships, they were fired upon by French machine-guns from the shore, and it was the sight of their bullets whipping down again into the water which led people to believe that you British had been guilty of a wicked crime.' I may add that the truth has never been allowed to reach the French people.

Another thing made the French people hope for Britain's defeat. It was the belief that if she went under Germany would be so busy wreaking revenge upon Britain that she would have little time to

spare for taking it out of France, who would thus escape relatively lightly. I personally think that this belief would have proved a fallacy. There is enough greed and brutality in the German make-up to produce plenty of misery for all. However that may be, the belief certainly existed, and so large numbers of Frenchmen—though not all, of course—awaited with resignation what they expected to be Britain's early and crushing defeat.

Well, here Britain is, still uninvaded, being heavily battered it is true, but firm on her feet and giving as well as taking punishment. And suddenly Britain's former allies across the Channel are beginning to realise that for the first time since he started his march towards world domination, Hitler has struck a snag—and a very nasty one at that. He has, as the French say, 'tombe sur un bec de gaz'—run up against a lamp-post. And with that knowledge has come wisdom and new hope. The wisdom lies in the realisation that in a British victory alone lies any possibility of restored freedom for France; the hope lies in the evidence Britons have given of their capacity to hold on grimly and steadily increase their strength at the same time.

It would be absurd to suggest that the result has been to set all France upon the road to that passive resistance and stubborn spirit of non-cooperation which can do so much to hamper the task of any conqueror. But I do believe—and many independent Press reports confirm this—that more and more people are beginning to hope for Britain's victory, more and more sincerely wish her well, more and more take delight in what they hear of the heavy price she extracts from Germany in the air, both in her defensive and offensive operations. And I believe, too, that the Germans themselves have begun to realise this. At first the attitude of the Nazi Army of Occupation was scrupulously correct, and for a time this had its effect, making the French feel that after all perhaps the Germans were not as black as they had been painted. There is no reason to believe that even now the actual demeanour of the German troops has changed for the worse. But by now the French people see that they are being politely but firmly bled white for the benefit of their conquerors. It would be bad enough if the tributes forced from them were limited to the huge sum for the cost of the Army of Occupation.

But in addition, in the occupied zone worthless marks set at a preposterous rate of exchange are being used by the Germans to clean out the French shopkeepers, while large-scale requisitioning of foodstuffs is going on throughout the entire land. Some of this food is requisitioned by the Germans on the ground that it is needed for feeding the vast band of French soldier prisoners in their hands. Actually these unfortunate men are being kept on the verge of starvation, and the food stolen in their name is shipped off to Germany to fill the bellies of their conquerors, who for so long accepted the dictum of Goering that guns come before butter. These things are beginning to leak out, and not all the anti-British propaganda in the world will blind reasonable Frenchmen to the fact that ruthless exploitation is the penalty of their captivity. It will not be long before they realise, too, that once the German soldier has done his work of aggression and conquest, his victims are turned over to the vile gang of bullies and torturers under Himmler, known as the Gestapo.

You may ask, 'But what can they do, these Frenchmen, even if they now realise the full consequences of defeat, even if they now want Great Britain?' My answer is that the French are intense individualists, rebels even, by nature. They are capable of infinite and subtle variation of passive resistance. Nor are they cowards, once they believe that their efforts are not doomed to failure. Some of them, no doubt, are still cowed and dejected by defeat. Others have little or no concern for their immediate needs and problems, food, work, shelter, the reunion of broken family bonds. But there is evidence that the old Gallic pride and spirit of independence, which so recently appeared to be crushed for ever, is still there, and once again beginning to raise its head.

Public Opinion In War

The extent to which freedom of opinion is allowed in England was, even in peace-time, a constant source of surprise to foreigners. One experience I had of it, shortly before the outbreak of war, left a particularly strong impression upon my mind. London, even then, had its bombs, the I.R.A. believing at that time that they could terrorise the British public by senseless acts of violence.

Bombs were exploded in railway stations, on bank premises and in the neighbourhood of power stations. A number of people were killed and injured. This terrorism had been especially outrageous one Saturday afternoon. Bombs had caused damage in several areas, and members of the I.R.A. crossing to England among a crowd bound for London to see an international football match, had attempted to set fire to the ship.

Late that afternoon, I was walking down Edgware Road. At a street corner a large crowd was collected around an open lorry, which was serving as an improvised rostrum. Half a dozen youths stood beside the speaker and held up a big flag—the colours of the Irish rebels. The speaker was shouting in an excited voice, hurling fierce invective against England and the British Government.

Many of his listeners were on their way back from an afternoon in the West End and had seen all the broken glass, the damaged shop windows and the ambulances carrying off the injured. And yet they listened attentively to the speaker without showing any resentment, or making the least attempt to demonstrate against the youths who undoubtedly sympathised with the terrorists.

Nor did the police interfere. They too heard every word uttered from the platform by various speakers.

If, as would have happened in any other country, a forcible attempt had been made to silence the speaker, the police would have intervened at once, but in defence of the Irishmen, in defence of freedom of speech.

Freedom In War

Has the war affected this open-minded, democratic attitude? Not in the least, so far as concerns the individual's right to express his opinion, to stand up for his be-

liefs, to criticise, and to exercise his traditional liberties. In war-time, of course, even Britain has to ensure that through the Press, public speeches and other channels no information shall reach the enemy, which might prejudice military operations or betray vital secrets.

Nor can the Government allow enemy agents, under the plea of "democracy", to carry on mali-

By
Eugene Lennhoff,
noted Swiss journalist, now
living in London.

cious defeatist propaganda or suffer members of the "Fifth Column" to do the enemy's spadework.

Except, however, for this obvious restriction, Britain still enjoys complete freedom of opinion, of speech, and of the printed word.

There is no such thing as a controlled press and no office or department of the Ministry of Information to prescribe to newspapers the opinions they shall publish.

Sense And Censorship

There has been a censorship since the beginning of the war, but its activities are advisory and not repressive. It is concerned with news, not views, and it interferes in no way with the exercise of criticism in the widest sense.

Unlike other countries, Britain knows nothing of editorials and other articles, in which blank spaces represent the censor's mutilations. The practice—especially common in France until her collapse—of ruthlessly cutting all opinions distasteful to the authorities, thereby making the pages of newspapers resemble a crossword puzzle, is inconceivable in England.

Not a single newspaper hesitates to criticise sharply, and as often as it sees fit, government action, military operations, or industrial measures.

The papers have not become colourless news-sheets, whose function is merely to reproduce official views and beat the patriotic drum.

On the contrary, they keep a

close watch on every phase of the war and on all ministerial orders, and they are outspoken in their opinion as to the wisdom of the government's policy.

They polemize as sharply as before the war, while cartoons—notably those of the inimitable Low—are not a whit milder or less caustic than in time of peace.

Patriotic Critics

It is true that press criticism in England does, for the most part, aim at being positive. It is not inspired by a mere wish to pillory the cabinet or individual ministers or government departments.

The men responsible for British press opinion are fully aware of their responsibility, and their criticism, blunt and unsparing though it may be, is intended as a contribution to the victory of Great Britain and the cause for which she is fighting.

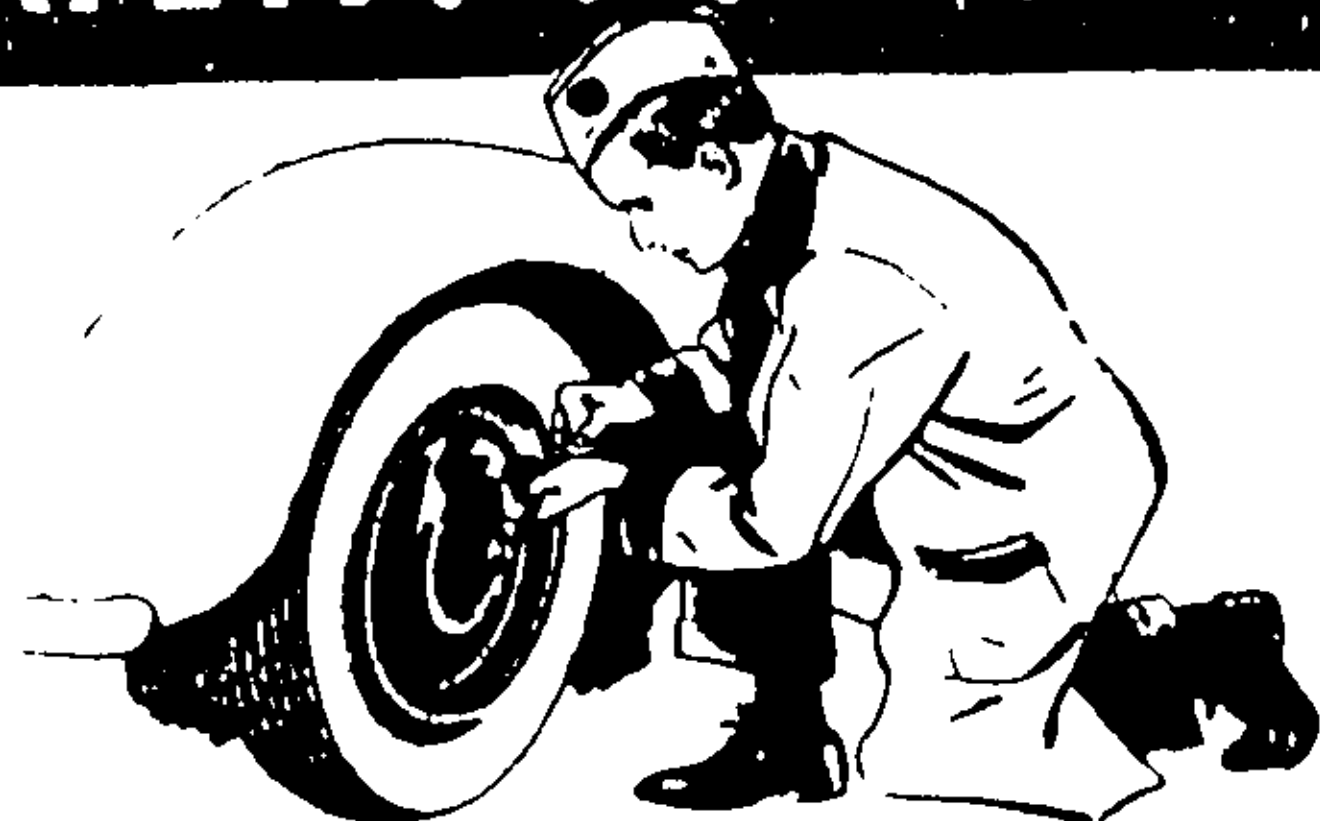
How far this sense of responsibility goes is best judged by the fact that articles striking a strongly critical note appear more and more over the signature of the writer.

It is extremely interesting to observe the reaction of public opinion to this unfettered exercise of freedom of the Press. The uncertainty, the nagging, the discontent and dangerous underground campaigning so general in countries with a controlled press, are altogether absent in wartime Britain. All the more so, because every individual who has a grievance or suggestions to make on a matter of public interest can give expression to his private opinion in one of those "Letters to the Editor" which play so large a part in the life of the British Press.

Just because it possesses freedom of opinion even in wartime and makes full use of it, the British Press has an extraordinary influence upon the morale of the nation.

The admirable spirit in which the people of Britain have stood up to the trials and distresses of German air bombardment is due in no small measure to the sense of security they derive from freedom of the press, to the knowledge that Britain is not only fighting for democratic ideals, but also upholding them through darkness and danger.

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100 VILLAGERS PUT OUT 1,000 FIRE BOMBS

TEN INCENDIARIES a head was the fire-fighting record of a south-eastern hamlet when 100 men, women and girls put out 1,000 blazing bombs.

Their hamlet is so small that the gazetteer describes it only as a locality, credits it with a "p.o.," but no "pop."

Eighteen-year-old Diana Leonard heard the hiss of the incendiaries, saw them burning in the rafters of the next bungalow. She ran out in her pyjamas, wearing a bed-room slipper on one foot, her brother George's gumboot on the other.

That did not prevent her climbing a six-foot fence, to drop into the garden as her father, head of the local Home Guard, snuffed an incendiary out of the window.

She scooped handfuls of earth, smothered the fire. She did that three times, has three Nazi cameras on her bedroom mantelpiece as trophies.

Small, dark-haired Mrs. Hilda Shanks has six. But she had seventy-two-year-old George Dalmore to help her. She should have been sheltering under a billiard table.

She meant to until she saw an incendiary fall from her roof on to the coal shed. Coal is so difficult to get over muddy country lanes, that she ran out in her nightdress and gum-boots, dug earth from the cabbage patch, and put out the bomb.

Then she carried out bucketfuls of earth to Mr. Dalmore as he extinguished others.

Big Family Bag

Across the garden the Patricks worked equally hard. Nineteen-year-old Edith ran out in satin mules fit only for flapping across bedroom carpets. She helped her sixty-year-old mother and her father to deal with fourteen incendiaries.

Theirs was the highest family bag.

The local constable saw bombs flaring on a wooded heath, was afraid they would make a beacon for heavy bombers, marshalled men, led them up the hillside and with his team disposed of about 100.

Ex-builder Colin Thick saw the ring of flares, picked four men to go to the cluster of houses round the village shop, asked ten others to disperse as best they could. The fifteenth man stayed behind to telephone the nearest large town for assistance.

It was not needed. Thanks to the turn-out from every cottage all the fires were dead when the engine clanged through the lanes.

At only one house did the fire catch hold. But A.F.S. men dealt with that so quickly that when the raiders did return there was no light to guide them.

And the only bomb dropped in the village found an orchard, uprooted two apple trees and blasted the windows of nearby houses. No one was seriously hurt.

Commented Diana Leonard: "It just weakened the village up. That's all."

The Little Flower Club, King's Park, is giving an instrumental and vocal concert at the Club Hall on Wednesday next at 6 p.m. and Thursday evening at 9 p.m.

WOMEN ARE WORRIED LESS OVER HAIR

War has made women more reasonable over their hair-dressing — especially on those delicate occasions where the question of damaged hair arises.

The experts of the Hairdressers' Insurance Bureau, who specialise in dealing with customers' complaints on hair treatment, on behalf of hair-dressers in all parts of the country, find this war has had a mellowing influence.

As fewer women are having "fancy treatment," fewer lawsuits arise out of allegations about hair damage.

1 Per Cent

Most hairdressers insure against damage to their clients' hair, because of the large number of actions which have in the past been taken against them.

An official of the Bureau told a reporter —

"It is estimated that 1 per cent. of women who take elaborate hair treatment claim damages against their hair-dressers.

"But they are now settling these claims more amicably.

"In the case where women's jobs depend on their appearance — such as barmaids and receptionists — hair damage is really serious and might mean the loss of their jobs."

FRENCH EDITOR'S REPLY TO VICHY

M. Pierre Lazareff, the former editor of the "Paris Soir," one of the Frenchmen deprived of their citizenship in Vichy, told a New York reporter:—

"Those who reinstated Paul Feronnet, the traitor of Stuttgart, as a French citizen, to-day deprive me of my citizenship. One action may be judged in the light of the other."

"I left France after the Armistice with a passport regularly stamped by the Ministry of the Interior, the Military Bureau and the police authorities. I left on the suggestion, and I would even say on the advice, of several Ministers in Marshal Petain's Cabinet."

BRITAIN EXTENDS WELCOME TO MR. WINANT

JOHN G. WINANT, whose nomination by President Roosevelt as U.S. Ambassador to Britain has been submitted to the Senate, will, if the nomination is approved, be welcomed in London both as a man with a wide liberal outlook on international affairs and as a loyal collaborator of the President.

As Director of the International Labour Office, Mr. Winant was in frequent and close contact with members of H.M. Government and important political figures in this country as a whole, and will be greeted, not as a stranger or even as a newcomer, but as an able man who has changed a very important task for one, in present circumstances, even more important—the task of interpreting U.S.A. to Britain and Britain to U.S.A.

The intimate knowledge he already has of British institutions and character and in particular of the whole background of Labour opinion, will be a valuable asset at a time when all sections of the British public are playing such a crucial role in the war and are anxious to leave the world in no doubt of their attitude to Hitler's "New Order."

If Mr. Winant succeeds in maintaining the knowledge in U.S.A. of the British attitude in this respect, so flagrantly misrepresented by German propaganda, this will be the first of the services

to a cause which it is not doubtful he has at heart—U.S. and British mutual understanding and co-operation in securing the triumphant defeat of all the forces now menacing the two Democracies.—British Wireless.

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FRENCH FEELING CHANGING UNDER THE NAZIS

GERMAN OCCUPATION of Paris has brought widespread hatred of the invaders among the French and has aroused hopes for a British victory in French hearts. Mrs. Jessica Hensley, an American who has lived in France for twelve years, said on her arrival in New York. Mrs. Hensley was in the vicinity of Paris when the Germans came there.

"It took the French some time to realise what it meant to be defeated," she told a reporter of the New York "Herald-Tribune." "At first they were stunned and they were happy, too, that war was over, that Paris had escaped bombing. They were bitter against the British who, they said, had taken their troops out of France. They met the Germans without any animosity.

"I heard a number of French people say in June and July that perhaps Europe should be reorganised on a new basis and that the Germans would be able to do it. But this state of mind did not last long. The French are intelligent people and they saw very soon that instead of organising them, the Germans were looting France.

Appalling Misery

"The misery in occupied France is appalling to-day. No one has practically ever enough to eat. Unemployment is general. Qualified workers are forced to go to work in Germany, because if they do not then dole and their ration cards are taken away from them. And without a ration card one cannot live in Paris. Even with a ration card one lives miserably enough."

Mrs. Hensley gave the present ration in Paris as follows:—12.5 ounces of bread a day, 12.6 ounces of meat a week, 3.5 ounces of fat a week, two ounces of cheese a week. Milk is sold only to babies, she said, and soap is hard to find and people who have no time to stand in line miss their rations, as there is not enough of anything.

Mrs. Hensley went to live in Paris in 1928 with her husband, a world war veteran who contracted tuberculosis soon before the current war and died. She was forced to leave France because the blocking of all French accounts by the American Government made it impossible for her to draw her allowance from the United States.

The American Embassy in Paris helped her to obtain from the German Administration in Paris her permit to leave.

"The Germans are not nice to Americans since Roosevelt's re-election," Mrs. Hensley said. "They kept my passport for a week and when they were asked for it they said rather arrogantly, 'You know we are very busy. You just have to wait.' Before the election they granted permits much more quickly."

Hardships of Winter

The early arrival of winter in France last year brought indescribable hardships to the French, according to Mrs. Hensley. It was freezing in November, and few people in Paris had coal for heating, she said. "The Germans are allowing 125 pounds of coal a month for an apartment with three people, but even this ration was not available in some parts of Paris. The quality of the coal is very poor. It is known over there that the Germans need coal to make synthetic gasoline, and other ersatz products. They don't care if the people are cold. Their own people are heated all right. The difference that is made between the Germans and the French and which reminds the French constantly they are defeated, makes the French hate the Germans more and more every day."

Asked whether Jews were barred from restaurants and cafes in Paris, Mrs. Hensley began to laugh. "I shall tell you a story which I know is true," she said. "A few restaurants only have signs 'No Jews Admitted.' A Russian restaurant in the Etolie district has such a sign, and one evening, when it was full of German officers, two obviously non-

Aryan men came in and sat down.

"The waiter was embarrassed. He asked them whether they had seen the sign, and they said 'yes,' but calmly asked to be served. The waiter called the manager, and the dialogue was repeated. Not knowing how to put the visitors out, the managers asked a high German official to talk to the two Jews. The official asked if they had seen the sign. They said 'yes' but did not budge. They just calmly announced themselves as members of the Soviet Embassy in Paris."

Troops Constantly Moved

Mrs. Hensley frequently took the train from the Gare du Nord in Paris to her suburban home, and every time she said she saw trains of German soldiers leave the station or arrive there. This made her believe that the German high command was constantly shifting the men, allowing them only a brief time in the capital.

"I travelled down to the Spanish border with a wine merchant from Rheims," she concluded. "He said that 8,000,000 bottles of champagne had been taken out of Rheims by the Germans. They were paid for, of course, like everything else, with marks, for the Germans never simply requisition anything. They buy, and their means of purchase are unlimited. When our train passed through southern France where there used to be thousands of geese kept for foie gras, a neighbour showed me that there were no more geese to be seen. And so it is with everything in France. There is no more of anything. It is the children who suffer most, I think."

DUNKIRK MAN ON MURDER CHARGE

Leaning over his wife, whom, it was alleged, he had shot and bayoneted only a few minutes before, Clifford Holmes, 24, a driver in the Royal Engineers, took her hand and said: "Irene, speak to me, because I love you."

This was stated at Manchester Police Court when Holmes, who took part in the evacuation of Dunkirk, was committed for trial accused of murder.

Mr. West, prosecuting, said that last August Mrs. Holmes injured herself in jumping 13ft to escape from her husband, who seemed to have been obsessed by sexual depravity towards his wife and appeared to have been degenerating into a species of sexual maniac.

S.M.C. ELECTION

The Shanghai Municipal Council has recommended to the Consular Body to hold the next municipal election on April 2 and 3 and the Shanghai Municipal ratepayers' annual meeting on April 16.—Central News.

At the Marine Court this morning, Wong Tai was fined by Commander J. Jolly, Harbour Master, \$15 or two weeks for boarding the President Cleveland without permission.

KISSED SHOT WIFE, PRAYED

Shooting his wife because she had an incurable illness, a weeping soldier knelt by her bedside and kissed her pallid lips, praying that she might die.

The jury at Gloucester Assizes found the soldier guilty of murder but insane and recommended him to mercy.

Mr. Justice Charles said he considered the verdict rather cruel, as the only order he could now make was that the man be detained as a criminal lunatic until his Majesty's pleasure be known.

Wept Beside Her

He had directed the jury that there was no evidence of insanity. Had they found the soldier guilty of murder with a recommendation to mercy he would doubtless have been reprieved and very soon released.

Frank Flintoff, aged thirty-one, of Worthing Road, Patchway, Bristol, had been told by a doctor that his wife's creeping paralysis was incurable.

He pleaded not guilty to murdering her and their baby daughter.

Married in June, 1936, they were a devoted couple. Mrs. Flintoff's illness became evident soon after their marriage. After the birth of the daughter in April last year her malady progressed rapidly.

It was alleged that Flintoff shot his wife with a rifle while she was in bed, and then shot his baby daughter. While his wife was waiting to be taken away by ambulance his tears fell upon her face as he prayed that she might die.

Flintoff was alleged to have told the police: "There was nothing for her but worse pain and suffering. For the baby there was no future I could leave her to. I thought it best she, too, should be spared the possible misery of being an orphan."

Heartbreaking

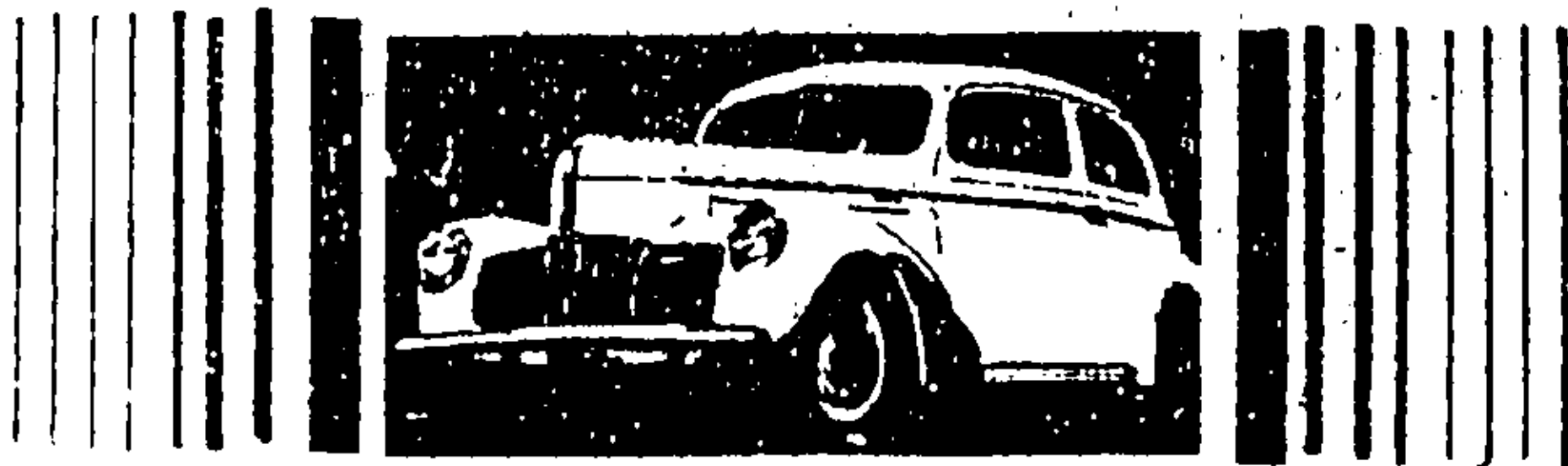
Mr. J. F. Bourke, prosecuting, described the case as heartbreaking, but said there was no question of insanity.

In Flintoff's defence, Mr. A. J. Long, K.C., said it seemed diabolical that a fellow creature should have to go on suffering so cruelly. It was a fair inference that Flintoff's mental control and balance collapsed and that he did not know what he was doing.

Mr. Justice Charles, summing up said the law was clear, no one must take upon himself the right of killing a sick person. There would be little security for the sick, for it might not always be that they were killed for love.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1941, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
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Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

THE SPORTS CLUB.

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REMINDER.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 29

By The Four Aces

Crime and criminal should be easy to spot in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
A K 10
A Q J 10 5
8
A Q 10 4
5 2
6
K Q 10 5
1 2
9 8 5 2
N
W
E
S
6 4
K 9 8 4
2
9 6 3
K J 7
Q J 9 8 7 3
7 3
A J 5
6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of diamonds, South winning with the Ace. South ruffed the low diamond with dummy's spade King, returned to his hand by overtaking the spade ten, and ruffed the diamond Jack with dummy's Ace of trumps.

Next he laid down the heart Ace and continued with the heart Queen. East ducked, and West ruffed. West then returned a club, and South lost the finesse and the slam together.

Some one committed a Bridge Crime. See if you can tell what it was and who did it before you read any more.

South was the criminal, and his crime was in ruffing his diamonds! There was no need to ruff them when they could so easily be discarded on established hearts; and, particularly, there was no hurry about ruffing them. After winning the first trick with the Ace of diamonds, correct play is to draw two rounds of trumps. Then the heart finesse is taken. Even though it loses, South can still discard a club and a diamond on dummy's heart honours; and the last diamond can be ruffed in dummy at South's leisure.

When dummy has a long suit and a short suit, a good player will almost always go after the long suit first, using the ruffs more or less incidentally.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

A 7
K A Q J 8 5 3
K J 9 4
K 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	Yon	Schenker
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You have a good suit and can afford to play for eight tricks at hearts even if your partner has only a singleton heart. There is no reason to jump, since partner's bidding is weak; and to show the diamonds at this point is poor policy.

Score 100% for two hearts, 70% for two diamonds, 20% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 633

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Maier	Yon	Schenker
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)
(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

B.W.O.F. SHIPMENTS

By the courtesy of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. and the Blue Funnel Line twenty-four cases of Hospital Supplies, Knitted Comforts and garments for civilians whose homes have been bombed have been despatched by the B.O.W.F., as under:

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THEY'LL LEARN IN DUGOUTS

Diving into the school air raid shelter in future, won't mean a break from lessons for Lancashire school children, for bright lights and blackboards are being installed.

There are 750 schools of the Lancashire County Council in the "danger areas," and their raid shelters are to be modified classrooms.

Electric lighting is to be made permanent, with higher-powered bulbs, so that the children will be able to read.

Blackboards are to be installed. Only two subjects will be taboo—cooking and chemistry.

It will not be possible to have desks. The children will sit round the walls on the forms, but they will be snug, for draught-proof doors are to be fitted.



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CADETS BOMBED, CARRY ON

Our sea cadets — sons of rich and poor men — are living up to the traditions of the Service, and carrying on, bravely in spite of bombs.

Several of the local headquarters have been destroyed or damaged by enemy action, states the report of the Navy League.

"The quarters of one unit were completely wrecked, but the cadets did not miss a single drill," an official of the League said.

Several lads had their homes destroyed, too, but they turned up on parade in borrowed uniforms. One cadet had his arm in a sling, and was suffering from severe head injuries as a result of the bombing.

The officer in charge of a London unit reported that in spite of almost incessant enemy action — which resulted in two of the cadets being killed, through bombing, and in twenty-three having to be evacuated owing to the destruction of their homes — the remainder were carrying on with training.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Know anything about 'camouflage,' Pop?"

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TEACHER NOT IMMORAL

The character of a village schoolmaster who had been accused of "immoral conduct" was vindicated at Carmarthen County Court.

Evan Edgar Pugh, headmaster of Cwmduad Council School, Carmarthen, was awarded £100 damages and costs against John David Jenkins, formerly of Duad Mill, Cwmduad, now a Ministry of Labour trainee at Bristol for libel and slander.

Mr. Pugh also obtained an injunction against defendant to refrain from writing or publishing defamatory words.

Jenkins did not appear and the Judge, commenting on a letter Jenkins had sent to the Court, said: "Defendant has offered no defence of the most serious allegations, which were made over a period of years against the plaintiff. His letter does not indicate a spirit of repentance."

"Demoralising"

Mr. Jenkins, for Mr. Pugh, said the libel was contained in a letter which Jenkins wrote to the President of the Board of Education headed "Cwmduad Council School, Grave impropriety."

The letter, said Mr. Jones, referred to the "unsatisfactory condition existing in the school," and alleged that the standard of education was very low.

The letter went on:

"Serious references have been made by villagers and others regarding the head-teacher rubbing his face on the faces of girls of from eleven to fourteen years of age. I have heard it said that he has even touched the clothes of a girl, and a father told me the head-teacher had kissed his daughter."

"Many things the master says to the children are so stupid and common that they cannot but have a most demoralising effect on their young minds. . . . I cannot send my child to such a school."

Mr. Jones added that in an interview with the Director of Education for the county, Jenkins alleged that the head-teacher was immoral in his conduct, and submitted that Mr. Pugh's immorality had a detrimental effect on the boys of the school, and that through him the girls were having a bad time.

"No Truth in It"

Mr. Pugh said he had been head-master of the school for nineteen years. He was married and lived with his wife and children.

"There is not a word of truth in the allegations," he said.

Mr. Edward Mason, Director of Education, said Cwmduad School was run to the satisfaction of the Carmarthen Education Committee and the Board of Education.

"I have found nothing unsatisfactory in the moral tone or standard of education at the school, and nothing to justify the allegations made against Mr. Pugh," added Mr. Mason.

Earlier, counsel for Mr. Pugh had referred to Jenkins as a hypocrite, a humbug and a coward.

VILLAINS WHO ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN GANGSTERS

(By A REPORTER)

A NEW VILLAIN has crashed the films. His whiskers are as long and pointed as any old-time screen star, his features sharp and sinister, his morals worse than any gangster's, and his agile antics would rival a Fairbanks.

Talent-spotters to have chosen the new villain are the Ministries of Agriculture and Food, for the star is the—R.A.T.

The film shows this destructive fellow at work eating your food, spreading disease germs. It depicts his cunning, and like all good schemers eventually his downfall, dictated by the hero. And the hero bears the most famous name in the rat-catching world: Mr. D. He is one of three brothers to carry on the tradition of a family which has been warring relentlessly war against rats since 1710.

Ghostly Army

But in this film, you do not only see Mr. Dalton destroying the vermin of the City, you hear him telling you how you can do it. He describes how to mix death-dealing poisons, how you must change the bait, because the cunning rat becomes suspicious when he sees the dead bodies of his relatives. He tells you how to "rat-proof" your home.

Meanwhile, thanks to the misfortunes of his worst enemy (after Mr. Dalton), the rat is threatening to run amok. Since the blitz-bug, London has been haunted by a ghostly army, thousands of homeless cats, their homes bombed, their owners dead or moved elsewhere.

Cats Hunt

"The starving cat ceases to be a good rat-ter," said an official of Our Dumb Friends' League. "Cats," went on the official, "hunt for sport and not for food, and the city's best rat-terers are warehouse cats on a pay-roll. There are thousands of these homeless cats, which are apt to become a menace and spread disease themselves. We wish to make a strong appeal to people to give a temporary home to any strays in their neighbourhood until we can deal with them or find them another home."

This is one of the sequels to the Blitz-Black-out of London's theatres.

In the London area only three theatres are open, and they are only giving matinee performances.

One of the largest cinema circuits in the Metropolitan area is dispensing with almost its entire staff and may close down more houses.

The total number of actors, technicians, and attendants employed in the theatrical and cinema world is estimated at 25,000.

One Trade Union is paying out £1,800 weekly in relief.

An approach to the Government may result from meetings now taking place between the three Trade Unions concerned—Equity, N.A.T.E., and the Variety Artists' Association.

The Government will be asked to extend the scope of E.N.S.A.'s nation-wide organisation, which now gives entertainments for the troops, so as to cater also for civil defence workers, factory workers, schools, public shelters, and the general public.

An Advisory Labour Committee has already been set up between E.N.S.A. and the Trade Unions.

The theatres, too, have asked Mr. Herbert Morrison to agree to the Sunday opening of theatres in London, so that morning and afternoon shows may be open to the public during daylight hours.

WORKLESS IN THEATRE BLACK-OUT

Famous West End actors, whose pre-war earnings were as much as £1,000 a week, are now touring the provinces for £10 a week, and less on a profit-sharing basis.

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BACK TO THE BLITZ PLEA

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One of them was in her office, about to start on her reports, when the blitz came.

"I felt as if my head was leaving my body," she told a reporter. "Fortunately it did not; my body followed my head. I went up through the ceiling then down again to the floor."

"When I hit the floor again I lost consciousness. As I tried to climb out of the debris everything I touched came down on me again."

What she didn't say was that, although her arm was severely injured and she had scratches and cuts all over, she stayed to help the rescue party get out patients buried under the debris. She stayed there until everybody was out.

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7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of
the Hour.
7.30 p.m.—Norman Allin (Bass) and
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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
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a Programme of Their Well Known
Items.
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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News &
News Commentary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Books
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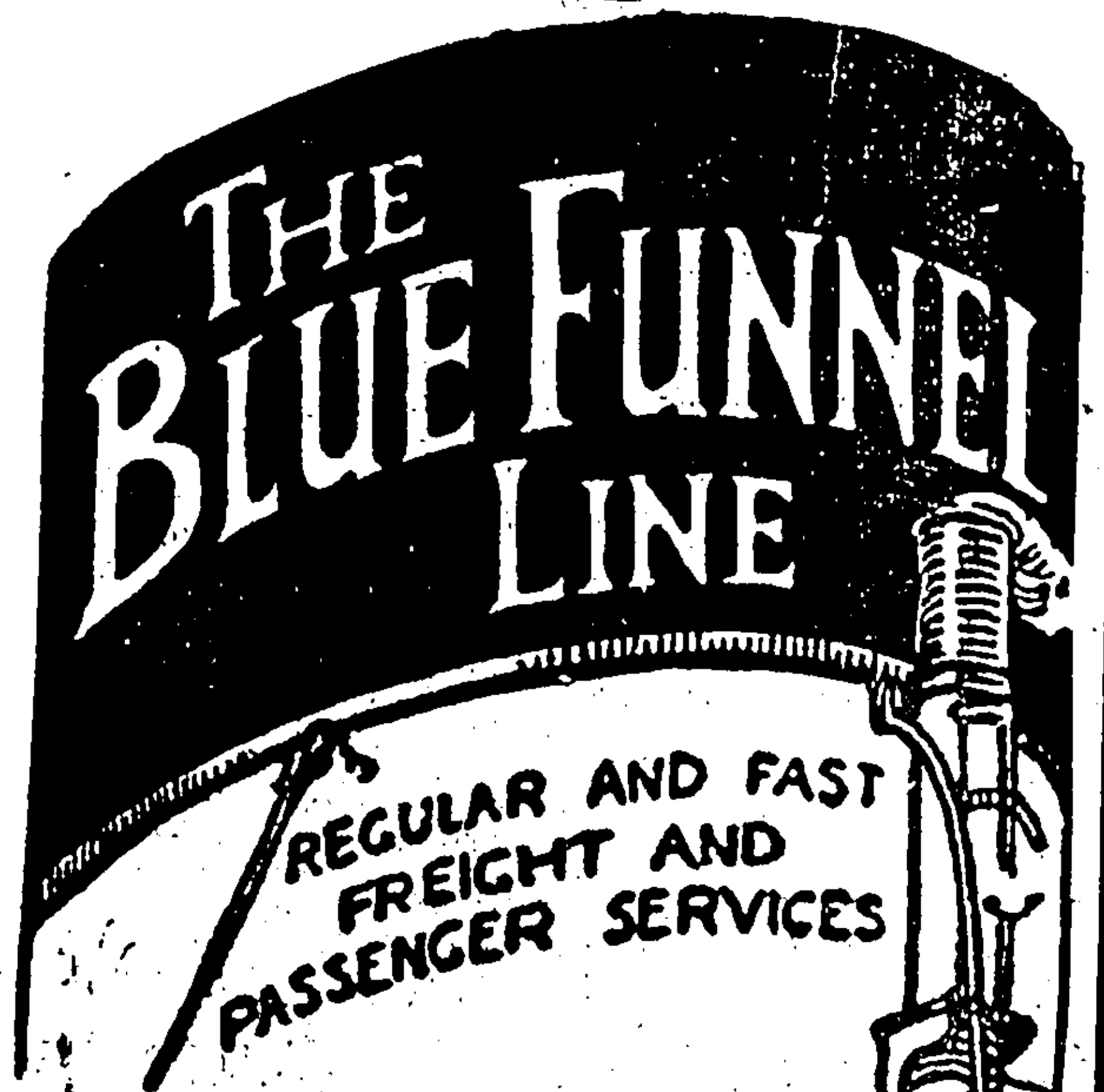
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Endeavour Strongly Favoured For The Rooty-Hill Derby

Prairie View Outstanding Entry For Austral Derby

Outstanding Griffins And Subs. Discussed

By "Rapier"

HAVING GIVEN MY VIEWS ON THE NEW CHINA GRIFFINS IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES, I WILL NOW DEAL WITH THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES. TWO CLASSES OF THESE PONIES WILL FIGURE IN THE ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL WHICH STARTS ON SATURDAY WEEK, SUBS, AND THE GRIFFINS, THE LATTER BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

In view of the large number subscribed for this year, I will confine my remarks firstly on the Australian subscription griffins and then the griffins.

After having watched the new ponies in training for some time, it is now possible to pick out the more prominent of the entries for the Rooty-Hill Derby, which, although not attracting as much attention as the Hong Kong Derby, is nevertheless considered by owners an exceptionally good race to win.

This event has attracted 66 entries out of a consignment of 113 ponies. For some weeks past, and during the remaining days prior to the commencement of actual racing, the burning topic of conversation has been, and will continue to be, who will win the 1941 Rooty-Hill Derby?

I don't think I am far wrong in stating that Endeavour, belonging to Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen, is, at the moment, the favourite. This pony has invariably done well in training and after watching its recent gallop over the Derby Distance, with Mr. Peter Wei up, against Iron Belle (riding boy), a griffin, when it clocked 3.01.1, with a last quarter of 27.4 apparently without effort, I am confident that it will be hard to beat providing its further training does not suffer any setback.

Endeavour will in all probability give its owner the privilege of being the first lady to win this important race since its inauguration.

Sydney Diamond, belonging to Diamonds, has also been freely mentioned as a likely winner of the Rooty-Hill Derby. Good as this pony is, however, I doubt its ability to beat Endeavour over this distance.

A Good Bet

In my opinion, Santa-Anita, belonging to Mr. Chiu Ki-fan, comes next to Endeavour. After its convincing gallop recently over the Champions distance in 2.26.3, with a last quarter of 29.3, this pony has come in for a good deal of attention, and for those who make it a practice of looking for outsiders, this pony should be kept in mind. It will be ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang.

Mr. Necan has a fine looking pony in United Express but it appears to me to lack the strength for a race as gruelling as this. It is definitely good, however, and should account for some of the

races over distances from a mile and under.

Araxy II, belonging to Mr. T. M. Gregory, showed excellent form when it completed 1½ miles in 3.06.4, a creditable performance. I hardly believe it to be good enough for the above ponies, however, although it might account for some of the less important events.

Vitamin M is another pony which has a strong following. It is in the pink of condition at the moment and it will not surprise if it places.

Mr. Black Must Be Reckoned With

Castle Hill may not be up to the standard of the ponies mentioned above but Mr. Black will be on top and one cannot, at this stage, tell what this combination will do, while Strathalbyn, belonging to Mr. J. F. MacGregor, is more of a sprinter than a stayer and in my estimation is not good enough over this distance to do very much.

Bendemeer, owned by Mr. P. M. Hoo, is certainly good to look at; it has the appearance of a speedster and I was favourably impressed with one of its recent runs with its owner up. This pony should be kept in mind for sprint events even if only an also ran in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

Messrs. Shields and Stanton own Manhattan, which, quite sturdily built, has potentialities, and Black Seal, belonging to C. H., proved itself a stayer when it did 1½ miles in 3.17, with 29.2 for the last quarter during a recent trial run, and should be a dangerous contender for this event if given a good jockey.

The ponies I have mentioned are undoubtedly the best of the current year's subs, and I think the Rooty-Hill Derby winner will be among them, with Endeavour, Sydney Diamond and Santa-Anita having the best chances.

GRIFFINS

As far as the Australian Griffins are concerned, main interest will be centred round the classic event, the Austral Derby, which will be run on February 17. The new arrivals have done some fast work during recent weeks, and while it is no easy matter at this stage to spot the likely winner, I do not think I will be far wrong in naming Prairie View, belonging to Mr. Li Lan-sang, as the pony most likely to succeed.

Powerfully built, it has proved itself a stayer—it recently did the mile in 2.00 with a last quarter of 28.1 without being fully extended—and it should command most attention.

Mr. Li has also entered three other ponies, Distant View, Misty View, and Mountain View, but Prairie View is better over long distance races, although Distant View should prove a worthy understudy.

Marsh Warbler Next Best

Next pony of importance is Marsh Warbler, owned by Pearstur. This good looking chestnut,



I understand, will be under the control of Mr. Donald Black, our champion jockey. It was recently taken out by him for a 1¼ miles gallop, which it covered in 2.32 with a last quarter of 27.1. It should certainly prove dangerous over the Derby distance.

Mr. Gredmaka has two worthy representatives in this event, either of which will have to be reckoned with; both are good long distance ponies, although I like Colooma better than Canberra.

Mr. Eu Tong-sen will be represented by three ponies, Fleetwing, Gay Fox and Gloaming, and although he has not to date met with any success in classic events with this class of pony, on this occasion he will no doubt expect much of Gloaming for which he paid \$8,100, the biggest price fetched by any animal at the auction.

At the present stage it is doubtful whether this pony will be good enough to win the Derby. Its movement at the moment is not too impressive, but another week or more of hard training may make a lot of difference.

King's Welcome Worth Watching

Mr. Dynasty has King's Welcome to represent him in this race; this pony gave a glimpse of its prowess over this distance last month, when it clocked 3.05.4,

FOOTBALL MATCHES POSTPONED

Owing to Volunteer Camp and military exercises, the following First Division Football games for this week-end have been postponed:—

Club v Middlesex
Police v Royal Scots.

with a last quarter of 27.4, and so it will not surprise if it walks away with the race, especially as Mr. V. V. Needa will be on top.

Vis Major, belonging to Messrs. Lee Bros., is another pony to be borne in mind although it has not as yet done anything that might cause it to be classed with the others. It may turn out to be a "Dark Horse" in this race, but in any event take note of it for other events even if it fails here.

Mr. M. Sokoloff, the veteran jockey, has been specially brought down to ride this pony.

First Love, owned by P. & L., has not been much in the limelight but I believe it to be good enough to extend the others over this distance.

I have been given to understand that it gave a good account of itself over 1½ miles at 11.00 o'clock one morning last month in a trial gallop with its stable companion Tropical Love, which it beat in an effortless manner.

Shanghai Jockeys

Mr. Noodt and Mr. Sokoloff have now arrived from the North to take part in the forthcoming carnival.

Mr. Noodt is a newcomer to the Colony and will be riding first string for Mr. Eric Moller in the place of Mr. R. B. "Boojie" Moller, who I understand will not be riding this year.

Mr. Sokoloff, who was here many years ago, will, as already mentioned, ride for Mr. S. W. Lee's stable.

Mr. Holden has been booked by Mr. Li Po-chun, and is expected to arrive in a few days.

10 Y.M.C.A. PLAYERS BEAT SIGNALS

By "Sportshawk"

In a scrappy friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday, Y.M.C.A., who were one player short throughout, defeated Signals by 3 goals to 1, after both sides had scored once in the first half.

Whitburn, who was seen at left-back for Y.M.C.A. yesterday, came here with a big reputation but was a total disappointment. He showed neither stick-work nor combination, although his not being accustomed to local conditions and lack of practice, might have been responsible.

The game produced very little of interest and only a few players caught the eye.

Outstanding were Hitchcock and Spencelayh for the winners, and Wright and Gorman for the losers.

Ure scored the opening goal for Y.M.C.A. and Wright netted the equaliser for the soldiers, while, on the resumption, Hitchcock registered two quick goals to decide the final issue in favour of Y.M.C.A.

Y.M.C.A.:—Shields; Turner and Whitburn; Smits, Gilchrist and Banks; Macev, Spencelayh, Hitchcock and Ure.

SIGNALS:—Cleggett; Shepherd and Wathen; Rumford, Gorman and Holstead; Wilkins, Roclick, Coombe, Wright and Cogbill.

COLONY CHESS

D. E. de Carvalho drew with E. Zimmern in the only match to be completed in Round 2 of the Colony Open Chess Championship, played at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

The game between C. M. Sequeira and L. Karpovich was adjourned about 8.30 p.m. The game between G. S. Coxhead and K. Weiss was postponed to Saturday.



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"A" Division

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K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee (University "A")	9	0	9
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hu (University "A")	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves (Recreio)	9	5	4
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	9	6	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplaivanar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1	2
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	9	7	2
A. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	9	7	2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. K. Cheuk and S. Ampla vanar (University "B")	3	3	0
H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0

"B" Division

	P	L	W
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	15	1	1
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	15	2	1
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	12	0	1
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	9	0	
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	12	5	
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	15	8	
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0	
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	9	3	
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	9	3	
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	12	6	
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	9	4	
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	12	7	
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2	
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	12	8	
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	
C. C. Pereira and E. A. H. Alves (Recreio)	3	0	
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	
E. A. H. Alves and B. T. Gozans (Recreio)	3	0	
E. Zimmermann and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3	
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3	1	
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1	
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann (K.C.C.)	3	1	
J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	1	
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	9	7	
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	
E. A. H. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2	
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	
A. R. Pollak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	2	
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	3	2	
A. Pollak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5	
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	5	
F. Castro and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	9	8	

BADMINTON NOTES

KING'S AND K.C.C. IN GOOD POSITION IN "B" DIVISION

By "Adrem"

LEAGUE BADMINTON in the course of the week provided little of interest, only fact of note being another win for University "A" over Chinese Y.M.C.A. in "A" Division.

University "A" have now won all their three matches, giving them six points, as against the two points scored by their "B" team in two matches, which makes the latter the next best on the list.

Two new players were introduced to the team, M. P. and Y. I. Young, who did very well recently for the "B" team, and this pair were the only combination to drop a game, Au and Patrick Wong being the successful Y.M.C.A. pair.

Junior matches on Wednesday were all one-sided and the leaders of the respective sections, King's College and Kowloon Cricket Club, both consolidated their positions at the expense of weaker teams, and are the only clubs in the division to be still unbeaten.

K.C.C.'s Task

Whereas King's should manage to win their section, however, I

J. MacDonald and H. Ding-sdale (Police)	9	8	1
A. Odell and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
P. P. Botelho and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	3	0
R. Hogarth and J. Shepherd (Police)	3	3	0
D. M. Xavier and S. Souza (V.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. Basto and A. A. Noronha (V.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. E. Brown and M. M. Davis (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
A. S. Blass and V. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
M. M. Davis and M. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
E. H. White and J. Tomlinson (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
S. Ramler and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. Pollak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
H. Dingdale and J. Ferrier (P.R.C.)	3	3	0
C. Y. Sin and J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	3	3	0
R. Hogarth and J. Ferrier (P.R.C.)	3	3	0
R. M. Lavalie and S. T. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	3	0
Peter Lo and M. S. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	3	0
A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu (Police)	9	9	0

think that K.C.C. will have a much rougher passage as I cannot see them repeating their victory over St. John's. Much depends on naval duties and Lieut. Eardley's inclusion in the St. John's side may make all the difference between K.C.C. winning or just losing the sectional championship.

Kowloon Tong, after starting off the season with a big flourish, go from bad to worse although it must be said in their favour that they have been exceptionally unfortunate in the matter of injuries and other misfortunes.

Frank Kwok has been unable to play for some time and although Peter Fletcher revealed that he is still a force to be reckoned with in helping Richard Lee to win two games, the other pairs were much too weak to make any sort of a challenge to the home team.

With only S. A. Rum-Jahn and D. M. Xavier offering any real resistance, King's had an easy match against Victoria Recreation Club and won 7-2. K. J. Attwell made his first appearance for the College team for some time and, with S. P. Chan, did well to win three games.

Gillies And Gordon Again

Kowloon Cricket Club lost only one game to Police, Gillies and Gordon being responsible for the only success registered by the home team, when they beat J. L. Anderson and Jones.

It is a strange fact that the latter pair, although they have played together throughout the season, appear to be the weak link in the K.C.C. team notwithstanding the fact that the third pair has rarely been the same. Zimmermann and Hazell did very well in their first outing together to go through the evening without a defeat.

IN GOOD DIVISION

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

Owing to pressure on space Army Sportlight has been held over and will appear to-morrow.

INTERPORT HOCKEY PROBABLES

A Probable Interport Hockey eleven will meet the Combined Indian Military team at 3 p.m. to-morrow afternoon on the Navy ground, by kind permission of the Commodore, in a practice match. The following are requested to turn out:

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (Club) and J. R. Goncalves (Recreio); R. Marques (Recreio); W. A. Reed (Club) and N. B. Whitley (Club); 2/Lieut. N. S. Cole (Rajput Regt.); T. S. D. Whitley (Club); Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa); E. Fowler (C.B.A.) and W. Brown (Police).

Reserves: A. E. P. Guest (Khalsa); A. M. Alves (Recreio); D. T. Smith (C.B.A.) and W. Parker (Police).

COMBINED SERVICES RUGBY XV

Following have been selected to represent Combined Services against Combined Volunteers on Saturday, at Sookunpoo.

Honeywill (Navy); Bowden (Navy); Douglas (Army); Coombes (Army); and Richards (Army); Carter (Navy); and Morgan (Army); Sutherland (Army); Ford (Army); Manfield (Air Force); C. P. O. Wtr. King (Navy); Millan (Army); Heath (Army); Bompas (Army); and Page (Army).

WEEK-END CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent Craigengower in a Second Division League Cricket match to-morrow against Recreio at Happy Valley:

A. M. Omar (Capt.), U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. Hong Sing and W. K. Way.

The following will represent Craigengower Seniors in a friendly Cricket match to-morrow against Army at Sookunpoo:

E. Zimmermann (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, G. Souza, J. L. Young Saye, A. N. Other and A. N. Other.

H.K.C.C.

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club against Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly junior Cricket match to-morrow at Chater Road:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), N. D. Booker, J. C. Brown, G. J. P. Carey, W. G. Flinnie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Patterson, E. W. Pudney, D. S. Robb, C. M. Stark and W. Stoker.

K. C. C.

The following cricket teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club over the week-end:

First Eleven (v University at K.C.C.)—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, F. R. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, N. A. E. Mackay, R. Leigh and F. Crabb.

Second Eleven (v H.K.C.C. at Chater Road)—S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, F. Goodwin, G. E. Taylor, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch and J. R. Luke, Umpire W. W. Parsons; Scorer J. W. Bertram.

Sunday's Matches

On Sunday an "A" team will play Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo in a match starting at 11 a.m. K.C.C. will be represented by: S. A. Gray (capt.), E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, R. J. Fenton, R. Leigh, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. Perry, and A. Zimmermann. Twelfth Man D. J. N. Anderson. Umpire W. W. Parsons; Scorer J. W. Bertram.

The following will represent China Light and Power Co., Ltd. in a friendly Cricket match against Recreio on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. on the latter's pitch:

A. B. Clemo, C. F. Wood, A. C. Tinson, Walter, J. Brown, J. W. Bertram, W. Tillery, P. M. N. da Silva Jr., F. J. Lay, M. A. Remedios, A. E. Noronha, and P. d'Almeida.

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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

THE first round of the Senior Shield football competition was featured by a gigantic struggle between Sing Tao and Mid-dlesex in which the latter were decidedly unfortunate in losing by the only goal scored by Kwok Ying-kee early in the game.

As in their first setting in the League at Soekunpo Middlesex had most of the game and only rank bad shooting and nifty luck prevented them from at least drawing.

Cheung Wing-chop was the Chinese hero and some of the saves he brought off were well nigh miraculous.

He substantiated a remark made some time ago by a ardent follower of the game that he was worth three men in the defence.

Royal Artillery made an auspicious debut in the Senior Shield competition and gave a much better display than was generally expected. Combination was lacking but the Gunners gave evidence that with proper coaching and training they would do well against most teams in the Senior Division.

Artillery were without the services of several good players who belonged to Batteries still interested in the Junior competition and with their inclusion Gunners might have done better still.

A well-chosen Combined Royal Artillery team would be a drawing card against a Chinese team for a match in aid of Charity or the "South China Morning Post Bomber Fund."

Royal Engineers, undefeated team of Second Division, must feel their Shield defeat at the hands of 36th Royal Artillery very much. This was one of the games they could not afford to lose; a couple of dropped points in the League would not have mattered so much.

36th Royal Artillery are only a Third Division team—though they did apply to play in Second Division at the beginning of the season. They did not allow Sappers to play their usual game and this was a contributing factor to their win. Added to this Sappers missed the services of Palmer at back as neither Chung Ying-kuen nor Tsang Yung-pak had the physical attributes necessary against the Gunners.

30th Royal Artillery, holders of the Junior Shield, lived to fight another day against Signals, another Third Division team, when they shared four goals on Saturday. Gunners have much to thank Guy, in the pivotal position, for. In the closing stages of extra time Gunners came near scoring but were prevented by the sterling work of the Signals defence.

Another Third Division team to cause a surprise was International, who accounted for Kwong Wah juniors by 4 goals to 1. Elms, former St. Joseph's player, turned out for International.

A meeting of the League Management Committee will be held to-night to decide the dates of the Final of either the Lai Wah cup Competition or the Final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition.

Macao are visiting the Colony on Tuesday and Eastern have obtained the necessary permission to play them on that day.

Lee Ting-sang the Sing Tao full-back, who broke his arm about 10 days ago, is now able to manipulate his fingers and whiles away his time playing mah jong.

In spite of the numerous postponements during the season there are very few outstanding in Second and Third Divisions.

There are, however, a number of postponed games in First Division and most of these will be rearranged at the end of the month.

After unanimously agreeing on the interpretation of the "Charging Rule" and obtaining the concurrence of the Football Association, the Referees' Association are now divided in their opinions.

The matter was again discussed at great length at the monthly meeting of referees last Tuesday and it has been proposed to ob-

Bowling Alley Jottings

By "Strike"

Two matches were played on Friday, in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition.

The first was between L/Cpl. Wilkins of the Royal Corps of Signals and Sgt. Doyle of Royal Artillery.

Wilkins' handicap was plus 30 and Doyle's plus 40, and Wilkins won by 45 pins, the scores being—

Wilkins 481 and Doyle 436.

Wilkins was expected to win, but he might have done even better had he not made the poor score of 136 in his second game.

Doyle did not appear to be as comfortable as usual, although an average of 145 with handicap, was quite fair bowling. He also had some bad luck in his last game, which resulted in him making only 120 pins.

The other match played on Friday was between S. A. Ismail and L/Sgt. Nunn of Royal Engineers.

Ismail's Easy Win

Ismail's handicap was plus 24 and Nunn's plus 36, and the former won comfortably by 68 pins.

The scores were—

Ismail 501 and Nunn 433.

Feature of this game was the remarkable consistency of Ismail, his lowest score being 165 and his highest 168.

tain a ruling from Home on this point.

It is understood that there will be no changes if possible in the Civilian, Scotland and England teams for the Finals of the respective competitions.

There might have been a different tale to tell had Nunn not made a bad 100 in his second game. As it was he managed to average almost 145 pins, including his handicap, but his inconsistency has always been a source of wonder to me. He made scores of 158 and 145 and then dropped down to a mere 100.

Watts' Good Win

Another good match was played on February 1, between Cpl. Watts and Signalman J. McLaren, both of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Watts' handicap was plus 20 and McLaren's plus 43, Watts therefore conceding 23 pins per game, undoubtedly a formidable handicap.

However, Watts managed to win, despite his handicap, by 52 pins, the scores being—

Watts 531 and McLaren 479.

The Mighty Fallen

On Tuesday Cpl. Blount of Royal Corps of Signals, who is without doubt one of the best bowlers in the Alleys, was defeated by Master Gunner Cooper of Royal Artillery, in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition.

Blount's handicap was plus 17 and Cooper's plus 43.

Cooper won very convincingly by no fewer than 65 pins, the scores being—

Cooper 540 and Blount 475.

It can therefore be seen that Cooper almost held his own without the advantage of the high handicap, another spare for Cooper, and he would have beaten Blount level. He would also have

accomplished this feat, had he not put up a mediocre score in his second game—he only registered 139—while he made a good 174 in his first game and 151 in his third game. As it was his average, including his handicap, worked out at 180 pins per game.

It is beyond my comprehension why Blount bowled so badly. He was completely off form. I do not remember him putting up a 139 in any previous match. This score he made in his first game, with 157 in his second. His usual score is usually between 190 or 200 per game. He certainly had a bad match.

Close Finish

There was an extraordinary close finish to the match between Jackie Odell and M. el Arculli played on Wednesday, the occasion being another match in the Singles Handicap Competition, Odell just managing to scrape home by six pins.

Odell's handicap was plus 33 and Arculli's plus 43.

The scores were—

J. H. Odell 458 and M. el Arculli 452.

It certainly looked any odds on Arculli winning because he was well ahead with a 60-pins lead at the end of the second game, but Odell came up on his third game with a good 197 pins, while Arculli dropped down to 121 pins. Actually Odell pulled up on his last game by 66 pins to win by 6—a spare for Arculli would have given him the match.

Devlin's Fine Effort

Signalman W. Devlin of Royal Corps of Signals has been playing

good steady Ten Pin Bowls in the Alleys lately, but he was inspired on Wednesday, when he compiled a brilliant 235 pins score, the record in the Alley for this month to date.

His effort was made up with six strikes in a row, a spare on his seventh frame, a strike on his eighth frame, a nine on his ninth frame, a strike on his 10th frame, and an eight with the two extra balls, really good going.

In the course of the same evening he had four good scores in succession, 179, 203, 235, and 198, a total of 815 pins or an average of 204 pins per game, so there is nothing wrong with this player's bowling.

The records for the month of January, were as follows:—

TEN PINS

Ladies:—Miss Nancy Ng 174
Men's:—Corp. H. Elount 246

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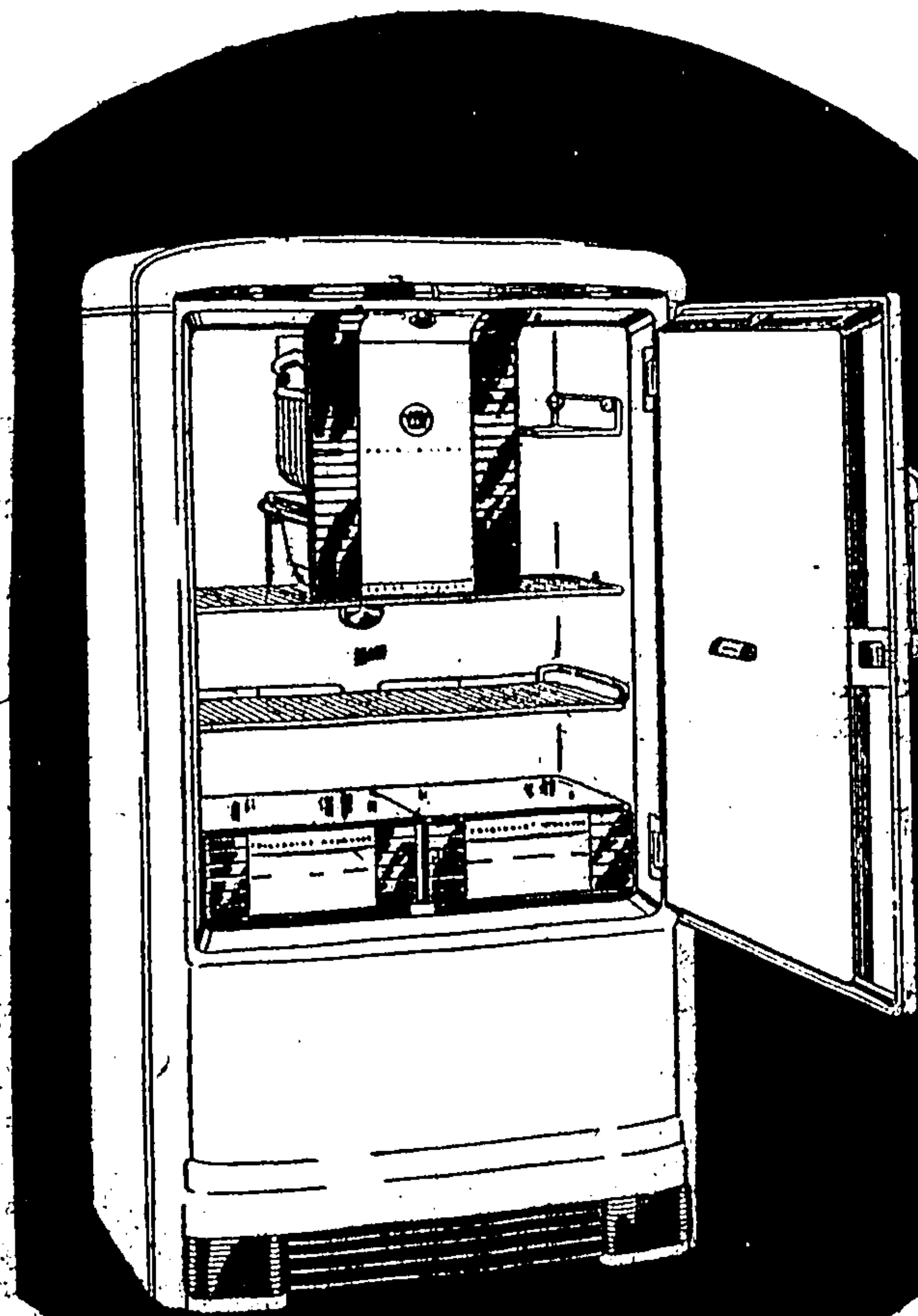
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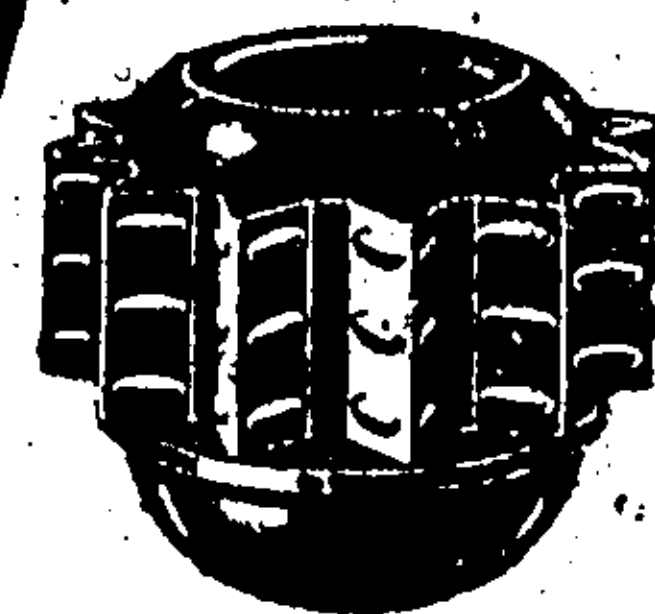
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R.A.F. Extend Activities In Middle East

NORWEGIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Many Norwegians have been sentenced to death by the German Military Tribunal at Bergen, according to the Norwegian Telegraph Agency in London.

They were charged with transmitting information about German armed forces on a secret wireless set. — Reuter.

WILLKIE ARRIVES IN AFRICA

THE DIXIE CLIPPER WITH MR. WENDELL WILLKIE ABOARD, HAS ALIGHTED AT BOLAMA IN WEST AFRICA, PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK.

The machine is inaugurating the new homeward course of American Clippers from Europe.

This was the first time that an American commercial aircraft has visited an African port and also the first time that any part of Africa has been linked with the United States by air. — Reuter.

Backing Up Five-Front Advance

A HEAVY ATTACK on the Maritza aerodrome in Rhodes, which is the chief island of the Italian Dodecanese group, marked an extension of the activities of the R.A.F. Middle-East Command on Tuesday night.

The aerodrome was bombed and machine-gunned and several fires started.

The advance of British troops in the five-front advance in Africa was again fully supported by air activity.

Yesterday's R.A.F. communique records that there was renewed bombing of Italian aerodromes in Libya during Tuesday night, including the aerodromes at Benina, near Benghazi, and Berka, as well as the railway station at Barge.

In Italian East Africa, the British army was supported by the R.A.F. on the various fronts round Barentu. Two further Italian fighters were captured and one shot down.

Dive-Bombing

At Keren, dive-bombing attacks were made on gun positions in the hills and on the road east of the town.

At Negasi, bombs were dropped on motor-transport with considerable effect while at Dessie, several fires were caused among buildings and motor-transport vehicles. — Reuter.

Advances Continue

The British offensive in Africa is progressing favourably everywhere. Yesterday's communique issued in Cairo states that in Libya the advance continues towards Benghazi.

In Eritrea, the British forces are now closing in on strongly held Italian positions about Keren. Further South, the Italian forces which had withdrawn eastward, are being hard-pressed. Fifteen hundred prisoners have been captured, mostly Italians.

In the various operations based on the Sudan, British casualties have been light.

In Abyssinia, good progress is being made in the British advance along the Gondar Road.

In Italian Somaliland, British penetration in all sectors across the enemy frontier is daily becoming deeper. — Reuter.

Big Fires Started

The communique states: "During night of February 4/5, bomber aircraft raided Benina aerodrome and Berka. At Benina, two hangars were destroyed and a large fire, probably of oil, was started. Bombs were also seen to burst among motor transport vehicles and on the landing ground. Subsequently the aerodrome buildings were machine-gunned.

At Berka, barracks and motor transport on the aerodrome and building were both bombed and machine-gunned.

Bombs were dropped on the hangars and buildings at Maritza and a large fire was started near the garages and workshops. Two other fires were seen, which may have been enemy aircraft in flames. Our pilots completed the attack by machine-gunning the aerodrome.

During Wednesday, our fighters maintained offensive patrols but no engagements resulted. From all these operations, all our aircraft returned safely. — British Wireless.

PACIFIC WAR PROBLEMS

In a joint statement after the meeting of the Australian War Council in Melbourne yesterday, Mr. Fadden, the acting Prime Minister and Mr. Curtin, the Labour Leader, declared, "There is no doubt of the seriousness of the international situation as it affects Australia."

The War Council discussed developments in the Far East and called into conference Vice-Admiral Colvin and Air-Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, Chief of the Australian Air Force.

The statement also declared that "The War Council realises the necessity for taking all possible steps and calls on each individual for his maximum effort." — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

JOHN WINANT APPOINTED

It is reported from Washington that Mr. John Winant has been nominated as United States Ambassador to London.

President Roosevelt is sending the nomination to the Senate this morning.

Mr. Winant, who came into prominence in 1934, when he was Chairman of a committee to inquire into the strike in the textile industry, has specialised in labour problems for many years.

He was appointed Assistant Director of the Industrial Labour Organization at Geneva in 1935, but a few months later returned to America to become one of President Roosevelt's close collaborators in the administration of the New Deal, as Chairman of the Board to administer the social security programme.

Mr. Winant became Director of the Industrial Labour Organisation in 1938. After the collapse of France, he transferred the I.L.O. headquarters to McGill University in Montreal. — Reuter.

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DEATH

MARTIN—At St. Teresa's Hospital this morning, 7th February, 1941, L. A. Martin, in his 27th year. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.



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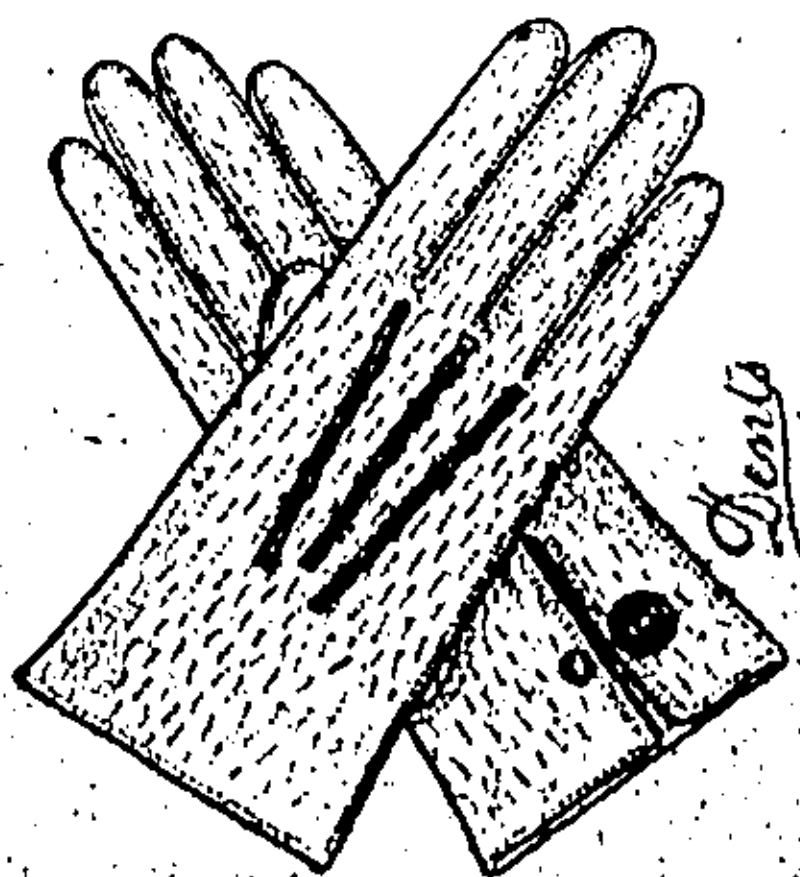
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An A.R.P. Athletic Meeting



Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., addressing those present before the prize-giving at the first athletic meeting of the Upper Levels Division. Mr. A. E. Gerondal, Mr. B. H. Puckle, Mr. C. E. Terry, G. A. Pentreath and Major C. M. Manners are also in the picture.



Lam Tse-kwon, who won the 100 Metres, 200 Metres and 400 Metres Races is shown above receiving his prizes from the hands of Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins.



(Left)—Lee Yuk-mul beating Chan Mei-ha to the post in the 50 Metres race for women A.R.P. wardens.



Women Competitors get set for the 50 metres Respirator Race at Caroline Hill last Sunday.



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SHORT STORY

The Zargun Of Zaki

I SAT in the shop of Zaki, seller of gems, sipping the amber-scented tea he provided only for his very special friends. At least, that is what he impressed on me, and I liked to believe him. Opposite me, on an ornate galley couch, sat Zaki himself, turning over in his hand some recent purchases so that they would catch the light—artificial, for the light of day never penetrated to this dark corner of the Muski.

Suddenly he picked out one of the stones and considered it apart for a long moment. Then he sighed and a smile crept round the corner of his lips.

"You are thinking?" I put in tentatively.

"I think," he admitted slowly, "of another zargun, green like this one, only larger, much larger." He paused and his eyes flickered. "My friend," he went on with a strange suddenness, "you have written many times, I know, of the cleverness of the Cairo Muski. Tell this time how a tourist lady beat an Egyptian. Listen, my friend, such chance are rare as date on royal palm."

He smiled a little, then continued.

"My friend I have heard in your country they say something of people they live the cat-and-dog life. Yes? Then would it offend if I call my two ladies Miss Katt and Miss Dogg? For though they travel about everywhere all together, yet I think they live just that kind of life. I have thought of them that way and if you will excuse me I find story more easy to tell that way."

And this is the story Zaki told me that day in his shop. He was very proud of his English, was Zaki, and described it as "First class O.K." And though I am used to it, for I have known Zaki for many years, you might find his quaint phraseology as difficult to follow as I once did. So here it is, told as simply as anything Zaki is concerned in can be told.

One day the two ladies, whom we must call Miss Katt and Miss Dogg—wandered into his shop. Zaki gave them just one glance—it was enough. No use wasting time on them; they would look round, pass disparaging remarks on everything and pass out.

But after a little he noticed Miss Dogg, who, he had decided, was the less objectionable of the two, go back to the tray where he displayed his zircons and pick up one which she had already looked at more than casually. It was a large green stone of the more uncommon kind known as zargun, Zaki hovered hopefully.

"How much?" she barked over her shoulder.

"That very fine stone, lady," he told her, holding it up to catch the light. "You know the good stones, yes?"

"How much?" she barked again, but Zaki could see his remark had pleased her.

"Business very bad," Zaki confessed with sorrow in his voice. "I do not mind if I lose just to say I have done business to-day. Lady, I sell you this magnificent zargun for two gineh."

She shook her head, twitched her nose. "Too much! I give you one and a half."

"You would ruin me, lady," said Zaki sadly. "But what matter if I get ruin to-day or to-morrow. I give it away for two less a quarter."

"I'll take it for that." It was Miss Katt who had suddenly snapped in. She did not really want the stone, but somehow he did not want Miss Dogg to have it. Zaki sensed it; it was his job. Miss Dogg sensed it; she knew Miss Katt.

"I'll give you two gineh for it," said Miss Dogg firmly.

Zaki began to get interested. And his assistant, though he did not understand one word of the conversation, realised that something out of the ordinary was afoot and came closer. And Ahmed, the seller of brass opposite, who had been fluttering round the door to importune the

tourists when they left Zaki, and Sabr, the seller of scent, both advanced imperceptibly into the shop. The two ladies, blood up, had settled down to it. Their faces, as Zaki put it, were tight up like the ass when you try to turn his head from home at sunset. Forty, two-sixty, two-eighty.

It was Miss Katt who snapped in at three gineh. Miss Dogg just looked at her with the hate of a lady friend. Zaki smiled at her.

"The magnificent zargun, it is yours for three gineh, lady."

Miss Katt looked at Miss Dogg as if she could not believe her silence; then turned to Zaki and forced a laugh.

"It was only a game," she said, licking her lips a little nervously. "I do not want it at all. You can keep it."

"Lady," replied Zaki very quietly, "I do not have shop in Muski to play games. I here to do business. You say you give me three gineh for this magnificent zargun. You take it."

Miss Katt glanced towards the door, but Zaki's assistant stood there, and Ahmed the seller of brass, and Sabr, the seller of scent. She saw the fearsome expression on Ahmed's face—she did not know it was always like that, even when he was happy—and her confidence deserted her. She opened her bag, threw down three notes, snatched up the zargun.

"Good-bye, ladies," Zaki bowed very politely, but he was addressing the air.

Two days later Miss Katt came to Zaki's shop alone. She showed the zargun to Kaki. Was it really as uncommon as he had said? The merchant assured her that it was seldom one came across a zargun of that colour and size. Miss Katt made no effort to hide her disappointment; she took Zaki into her confidence. She admitted frankly that she had been silly on her previous visit; she had been very annoyed with her friend that day and had wanted to make her pay more. She had not wanted the zargun herself. But now she was glad, for the more she looked at it the more she liked it. And it had struck her that, if she could only get another just like it, she could get the two made into a perfectly delightful pair of ear-rings.

Zaki agreed that the idea was a magnificent one, but he was extremely doubtful. The chance of getting a match was so very small.

"What a pity!" she sighed. "I would give eight gineh for another just like it."

Only with the greatest difficulty did Zaki conceal his excitement. "Lady," he said, "I do what I can, but nothing I promise. Sometime it happen if Allah will."

"You will find me at Shepheard's if you are lucky," she said. "I shall be there for a few weeks more."

Eight gineh for a zargun—and not real at that, for these Muski stones were from Switzerland, fused from zircon chips! It would certainly be difficult to get one just like it, but eight gineh! Zaki could not get the incredible figure out of his head. Hardly had Miss Katt disappeared than he was off down the Muski lanes, seeking out his friends who also were sellers of gems, seeking out even his enemies. But nowhere could he get a green zargun large enough. In desperation, he went back to his friends, gave them the colour and size and told them that if they could get one like that he would pay a very good price for it.

Four days later, Aly Mohammed came to the shop of Zaki with a stone which Zaki knew in an instant was the one he wanted. Naturally he pointed out to Aly at considerable length that the stone was on the small side and differed appreciably from his description. Unfortunately Aly was convinced that his friend's memory was failing and, in the end, Zaki had to pay six gineh for the stone. As he was going to get eight for it he faced the ruin the purchase involved him in with praise-worthy stoicism.

Now Zaki had summed up Miss Katt very shrewdly and he knew that she would do her utmost to find fault with any match he might obtain in order to get it cheaper. He had, therefore, taken a wax impression of the original zargun so that he could get the match cut precisely the same before he offered it. And now he tried the new purchase against the mould.

The zargun dropped in and Zaki thought he had gone mad. It fitted so that not even a single hair of the Prophet's beard could be slipped between!

Zaki stared at it, knew that Allah had punished him for the greed that had blinded his native caution. Knew that he had bought back his own zargun at twice what he had sold it for!

Straightway he went to his friend, Aly Mohammed, told him what had happened and asked how the stone had come into his possession. Aly explained that a lady had come into his shop with

many children he not know, all hungry. And Zaki, he say he pay me nine gineh. But if lady want zargun much I give it her for nine just the same. Then, if lady like, she can sell it to her friend for ten or more and get fun of it just like her friend try to get before in Zaki shop."

Miss Dogg hesitated only a moment. The chance was too good to miss and she paid over the nine gineh. Then Aly suggested that she might like to have it made into a ring so that people could see and admire such a magnificent zargun; he would gladly include the cost of setting in the nine gineh. Miss Dogg thought of Miss Katt and smiled. Aly took the zargun away with him; he was smiling, too.

To Zaki, his friend, went Aly with the ubiquitous zargun, and Zaki, two days later, presented himself and the zargun to Miss Katt. He reminded her of her offer to pay eight gineh for a match to the zargun she had already bought so that she could

zargun she had sold him, a few days before. Aly expressed his regret; alas! he had sold it to a lady who wanted very much a large, green zargun. A Miss Dogg, it was, who was staying at Shepheard's Hotel; he had made it into a ring and sent it there. She asked him when he had sold it and he told her.

Her flickering doubts about Zaki's story of the new customer vanished. Obviously, if Miss Dogg had bought the zargun from Aly, Zaki could not offer her the same stone two days after. Her nice little scheme had mis-carried owing to the intervention of Miss Dogg, confound her! Zaki had not bought his own stone back as she had intended him to in order to pay him out for the way he had treated her. Somehow he had secured a match to the original zargun—but now he would have to pay to get back the very stone he had forced her to buy.

Next day a triumphant Miss Katt invaded Zaki's shop. She offered it to Zaki and demanded twelve gineh. Zaki looked at her in amazement and shook his head.

"I do not understand," said Zaki, very much as she had said it but a few days before at Shepheard's when he offered her the match.

She forced a laugh. "You are having a little game with me."

"Lady," replied Zaki, "I tell you once already we not have shops in Muski to play games. We here to do business and it very foolish business to buy zargun for twelve gineh."

"But you promised," she stormed, "and it cost me ten gineh to get it back for you. For I had sold it."

Zaki shook his head, threw out his hands. She raved, she blustered till Ahmed, the seller of brass, looked round the corner with that fearsome face of his. Then she went, cursing rudely, and Zaki added to his English First Class O.K.

"Good-bye lady," Zaki bowed politely to Miss Katt's dust.

* * *

Zaki regarded me solemnly, but there was a twinkle of laughter in his eyes.

"You see, my friend, she pay the eight gineh for that zargun just as she promise. She pay me three at the first, she get five from Aly Mohammed, she pay ten to the Miss Dogg. Aly and me we have our own account. You understand how strange the ways of Allah."

Carelessly he tossed the green zargun into his gem-tray.

"But Zaki," I protested, when I had got my mind out of its Oriental confusion, "you were going to tell me a story of how you were beaten. You won."

The Egyptian shook his head. "Oh, no, my friend," he insisted firmly. "I get the defeat O.K. But is it not your people which say one may profit more from the defeats than from the wins. That way it is, I think."

By Richard Carol

the zargun and asked him if he would set it for her in a Turkish filigree ring. He had immediately realised that it was just such a stone that his friend Zaki was seeking and offered to buy it.

The lady, however, seemed reluctant to part with it and Aly had to offer five gineh before the zargun changed hands. Aly described the lady and Zaki's last doubt fled.

For a long time the two sat, smoking their hubble-bubbles in thoughtful, friendly silence. At the end they decided that Miss Katt, like the scorpion, had a sting in her tail. And were there no ways of making the scorpion spend its poison harmlessly?

Two days later, Aly Mohammed interviewed Miss Dogg at Shepheard's. He told her that he knew from Zaki, his friend, how Miss Katt had tried to make her pay more for the zargun and had been obliged to buy it for herself though she did not want it. Now, however, it seemed that Miss Katt not only liked it but was very eager to get another one the same in order to make a unique pair of ear-rings and she had told Zaki she was prepared to pay ten gineh for a perfect match.

Aly produced a large green zargun from his pocket. Here was the match! He could guarantee that there was not another like it in the Muski. If he sold it to Zaki, as Zaki wanted, Zaki would sell it to Miss Katt who would have her unique ear-rings. Aly frankly did not like Miss Katt, if Miss Dogg would excuse him saying so, and would gladly have refused to part with his zargun to prevent Miss Katt from getting her wish.

"But, lady," he confessed, "Aly was at the shop of Aly Mohammed, offering to buy back the

have ear-rings made. Miss Katt made the face of a camel, as Zaki described it. She said she did not know what he was talking about and threatened to call a policeman if he did not leave immediately. Zaki went, outwardly fuming, inwardly delighted.

He returned the zargun to Aly so that it could be set in a ring as promised for Miss Dogg. Then, three days after, Zaki again sought the presence of Miss Katt.

He was blatantly excited. A lady, he explained to Miss Katt, had just been in his shop, had spotted the zargun he had got to match Miss Katt's original zargun, but which she had refused to take. That was all forgotten now; she had changed her mind and anybody is allowed to change her mind. But the lady had got the same idea Miss Katt had once had—if she could only get another zargun like it, what magnificent ear-rings they would make!

"Miss Katt," pleaded Zaki, "I know you not want zargun you buy from me very much. You sell it back to me? I give you six gineh for it."

Miss Katt just stared at the jewel merchant. "Seven gineh," he promised eagerly. "Eight."

Before she had recovered from her astonishment he had offered 12 gineh, protesting that he could pay no more or there would be no profit in it for himself. She looked at him strangely, promised in the end that she would think it over.

"O.K., lady," said Zaki. "If you think yes, you bring it to my shop."

Early next morning Miss Katt was at the shop of Aly Mohammed, offering to buy back the



D. Mar-battling in the clash between the Wildcat and the Canuckettes on Sunday morning in the softball league. Canuckettes went down to their first defeat 11-2.

ET VOICI ET VOILA

BEWILDERMENT is the only correct description of the feelings the sudden collapse of France has caused to all who know and love that country. The utmost bewilderment, and pangs so acute that, far from becoming less severe as time goes on, they grow in frequency and intensity. It seems to be the common experience of many people that in meditating upon the French disaster they somehow feel it difficult to believe it is really true; then they hear the next bit of news, which is even more grim than that which they already knew.

Of course, there are always those who pretend to be surprised by nothing and who say: "Collapse of France, my dear fellow? Who could have expected anything else?" According to a host of French and British diplomatic commentators, war correspondents and other pundits, the explanation for which we are all searching in vain is not hard to find: Fifth-Columbism at the top, defeatism, treason and corruption, incompetence, disunity—et voici et voilà. The only point of difference among those who hold this view is that according to some the process of disruption set in quite recently—during the last six or seven years—whereas others believe that it has lasted for many decades, or indeed that it has been inherent in the Third Republic from its very origin.

Why?

There is always danger in oversimplification. And while it is perfectly true that all these indictments are fully justified, not only by the present disaster, but also by a long record of past tragedies, still the fundamental question remains unanswered: Why has France collapsed? And, furthermore, having collapsed, how could she act as she did, or, for that matter, still does?

We have witnessed, within the brief space of a few months, not only a staggering military defeat but the utter disintegration of a great state, which was one of the most solid and powerful states ever known in the history of mankind. The French were civilised when the ancestors of the present self-discovered Aryans were still balancing on their tails from the

France fell because of corruption at the top, but the foundations are sound. British victory will ensure reconstruction and rehabilitation.

By George Soloveytchik

tree-tops of the primeval German forest. For over a thousand years France has not merely had a glorious history, but has shone in every sphere of human activity, especially in that of the mind.

Rome dominated the world by her arms and institutions, Athens by intellect, Carthage by gold. But it was vouchsafed to France to predominate in all three. If it be true that the British Commonwealth of Nations has inherited Rome's universalism as a political organisation, it is especially true that France has inherited her cultural universalism and maintained it to the present day.

Social Stability

Her radiance, though dimmed at times, and never more so than in recent years—has been one of the few permanent factors in the history of civilisation. Whatever may be said against the Third Republic, its deplorable personnel, its politics and institutions, who can deny that throughout the seventy years of its existence it has been not merely rich in political successes, but has remained the metropolis of all the arts and science and learning?

Born after a defeat and during a national paroxysm of the utmost gravity, this Third Republic achieved unprecedented prosperity in the minimum of time; it regained a considerable modicum of national and social stability which enabled it to face the ordeal of the world war; it built up the world's second largest colonial empire. But its principal achievement was in the creative domain of the mind and spirit. It is clear that the causes for the tragedy that has supervened cannot be summed up in one single formula.

With some of the forces of disruption we are familiar enough.

Venality, pettiness, sexual laxity, mental snobbishness (which drew the intellectual elite to the extreme Right or the extreme Left); the worship of sectional interests and, in certain cases, profound defeatism; unsound finance, obstructionism and administrative anarchy—here are but some of the unhealthy and lamentable features which characterised "the other France". Yet all these processes, revolting though they were, did not seem to affect the fundamentals of French life, of la France réelle. They were at work, one assumed, on the surface of things; the core was healthy and strong. Was this assumption a mistaken one? Not, I think, entirely mistaken.

Worlds Apart

The fact is that in France, even more than in most other highly developed modern countries, it is necessary to distinguish between the rural population and the townfolk. They form two worlds apart. Some twenty million Frenchmen and Frenchwomen, or about one half of the whole nation, live on the land. Most of it they own—something like 97 per cent. of all the farms—their normal holdings being anything from twenty to a hundred acres, with thirty to forty as a good average. The peasants are the hardest working people in the world and their womenfolk share their burdens. During the early months of the present war, when it was as yet a "Sitzkrieg", it was the women who, almost single-handed, gathered in the harvest and kept up the nation's agriculture on a pre-war level. While it is true that this huge peasant population has always exercised great political power, it is equally true that its principal concern in politics has been largely limited to its own immediate interests, i.e. questions of food prices, indirect taxation, legislation concerning mortgages and similar topics. But the peasants have always entertained a profound distrust of politics and

politicians, regarding Paris as a hotbed of political intrigue, of confidence tricksters and crooked financiers.

Moral Depravity

With the exception of Paris, Marseilles, Lyons, Nice and a number of important industrial centres, there are no big towns in France. Alas, these big cities make up in political and moral depravity for the rest of the country. But the Frenchmen who dwell in the villages and small towns are honest, hard-working, loyal citizens, who responded to the call when it came and joined up as their fathers and forefathers had done. Eight months of complete inactivity at the front, and incessant defeatist propaganda skilfully conducted, demoralised them completely. When the blow came, they had only one desire—to get home.

It was not in the villages, but in the big cities of France that the scum of the nation found its happy hunting-ground. There can be no doubt that France's enemies both created and exploited every possible source of disintegration.

With each generation the calibre of the nation's leaders became slier. The "Fathers of the Republic"—even the men of 1900-1920—were of a finer fibre than the present generation.

One man stands out as solid as a rock; courageous, patriotic, able, efficient, incorruptible—Georges Mandel, Clemenceau's disciple. Small wonder that the Vichy gang have made him their scapegoat No. 1.

Daladier

One of the worst culprits, in my opinion, is Daladier. For nearly five years he was in charge of the National Defence Ministry of France. How is it that the French entered this war in what is now admitted to have been a state of utmost unpreparedness? Where did all the money go—those milliards voted every year for National Defence? Why was the Maginot Line never extended along the Belgian and Swiss frontiers?

Nor are the military experts less blameworthy. During the twenty years that separate the present

war from the last there was complete continuity in the supreme command and technical supervision of the French armed forces. Almost alone among the nations, and with good reason, France never agreed to disarm; on the contrary, she invariably stressed the need of preparedness and vigilance. The tradition of her great military schools as a training ground for her officers went on unbroken. Compulsory military service greatly facilitated the steady flow of recruits. And, with one exception, national defence received all the appropriations its Chiefs demanded. Neither the Right nor the Left dared to interfere with the military organisation.

What Matters

Largely Royalist, with an intense contempt for, and hatred of, the politicians, the army nevertheless recognised and obeyed the Republican Government's authority. But it remained outside the turmoil of party strife and financial wire-pulling. Its leaders cannot escape their share of the responsibility for the collapse of their country. They had been given all they wanted, money and men galore. Yet they not only conceived a wrong plan and gave their men faulty orders, but most of the troops were never allowed to fight at all. In their detestation of the Republic political regime, the army and some of the vital government departments committed wholesale treason from what they held to be the noblest of motives. Ostensibly they believed in "regeneration through suffering."

Only a British victory can save France. A strong and politically active France is an absolute necessity to Britain. What particular forms this regeneration of the great French nation is to take, it is premature to say. As Clemenceau used to put it, what matters are not systems, but men.

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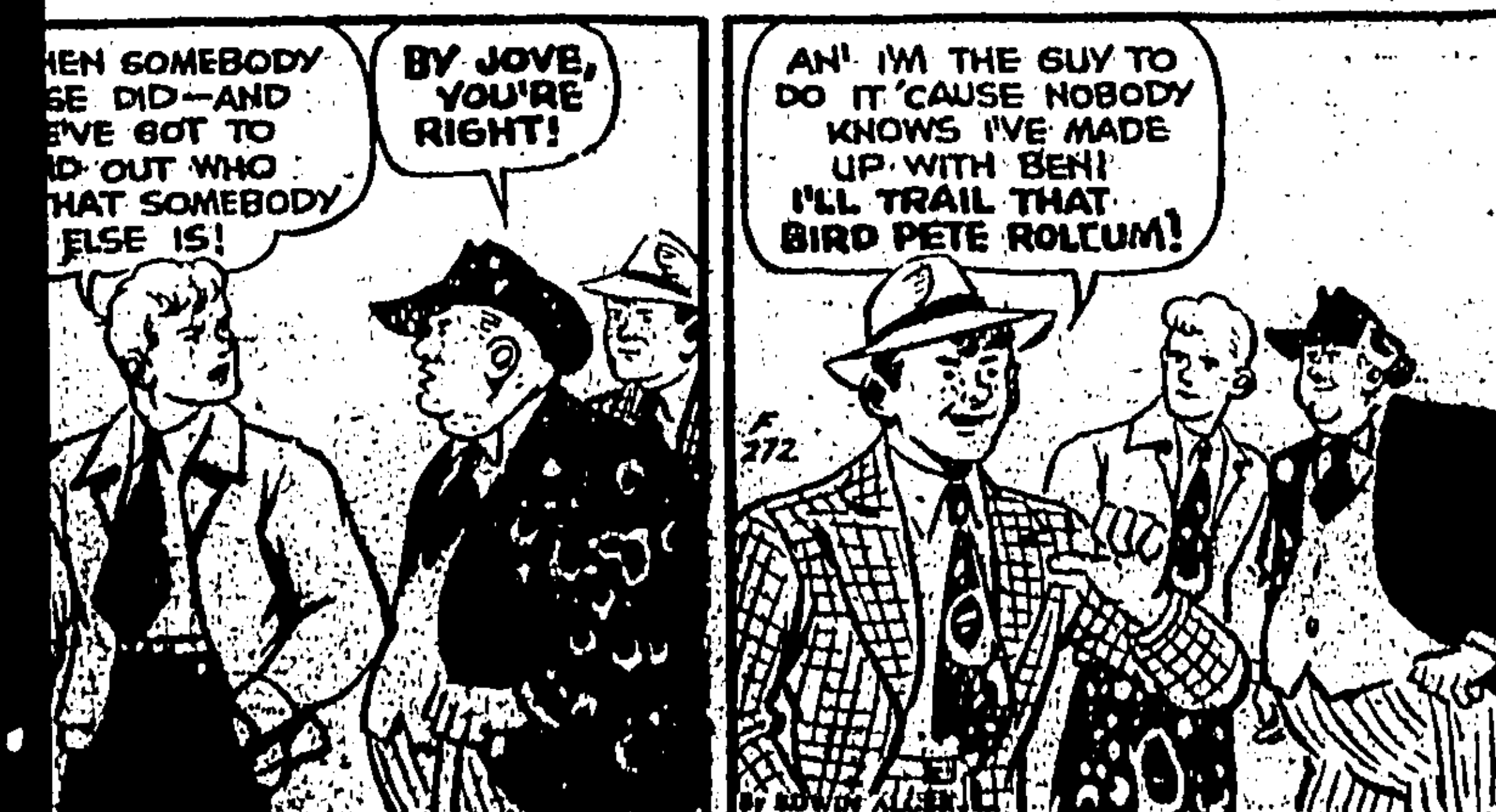
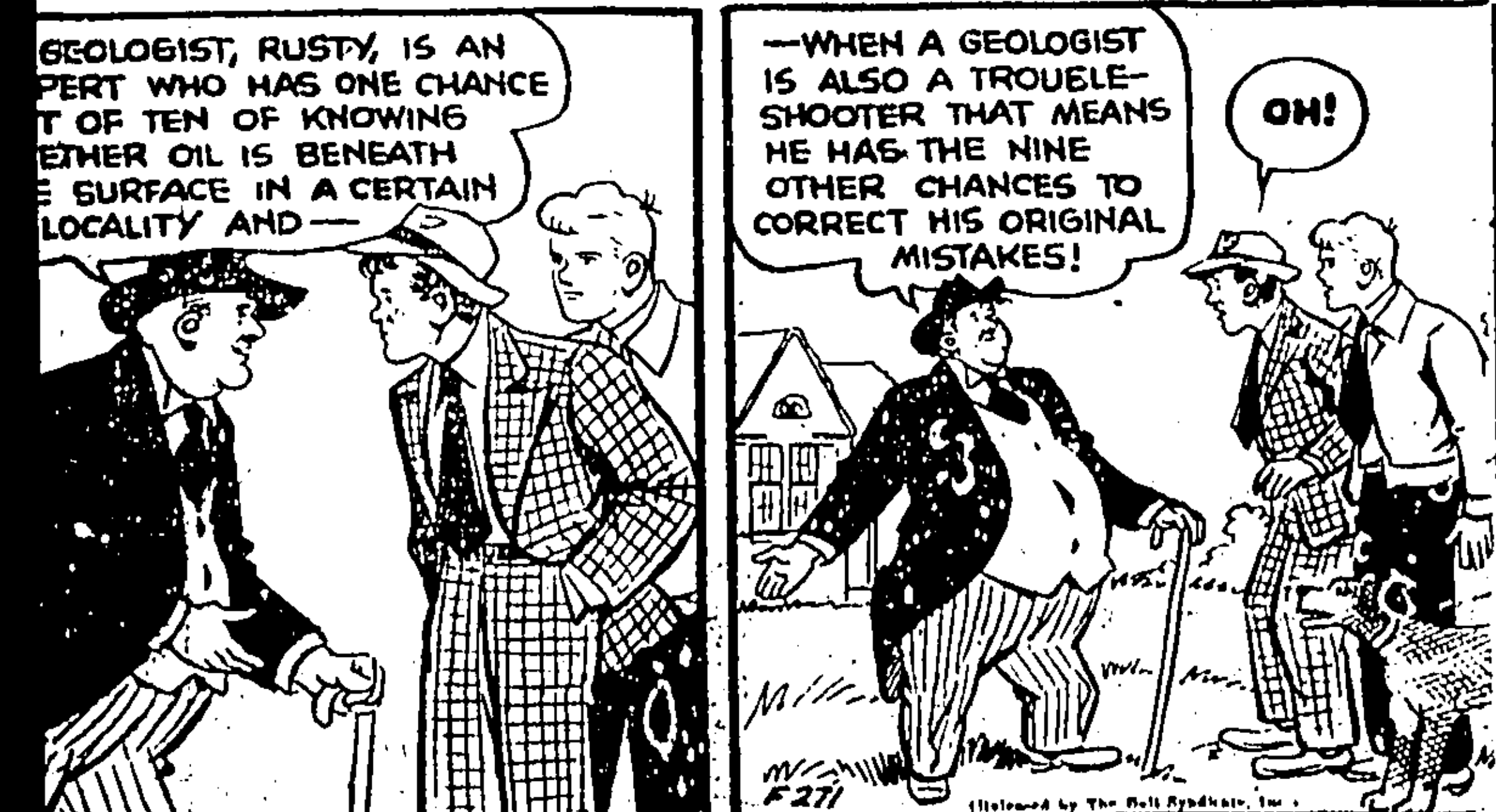
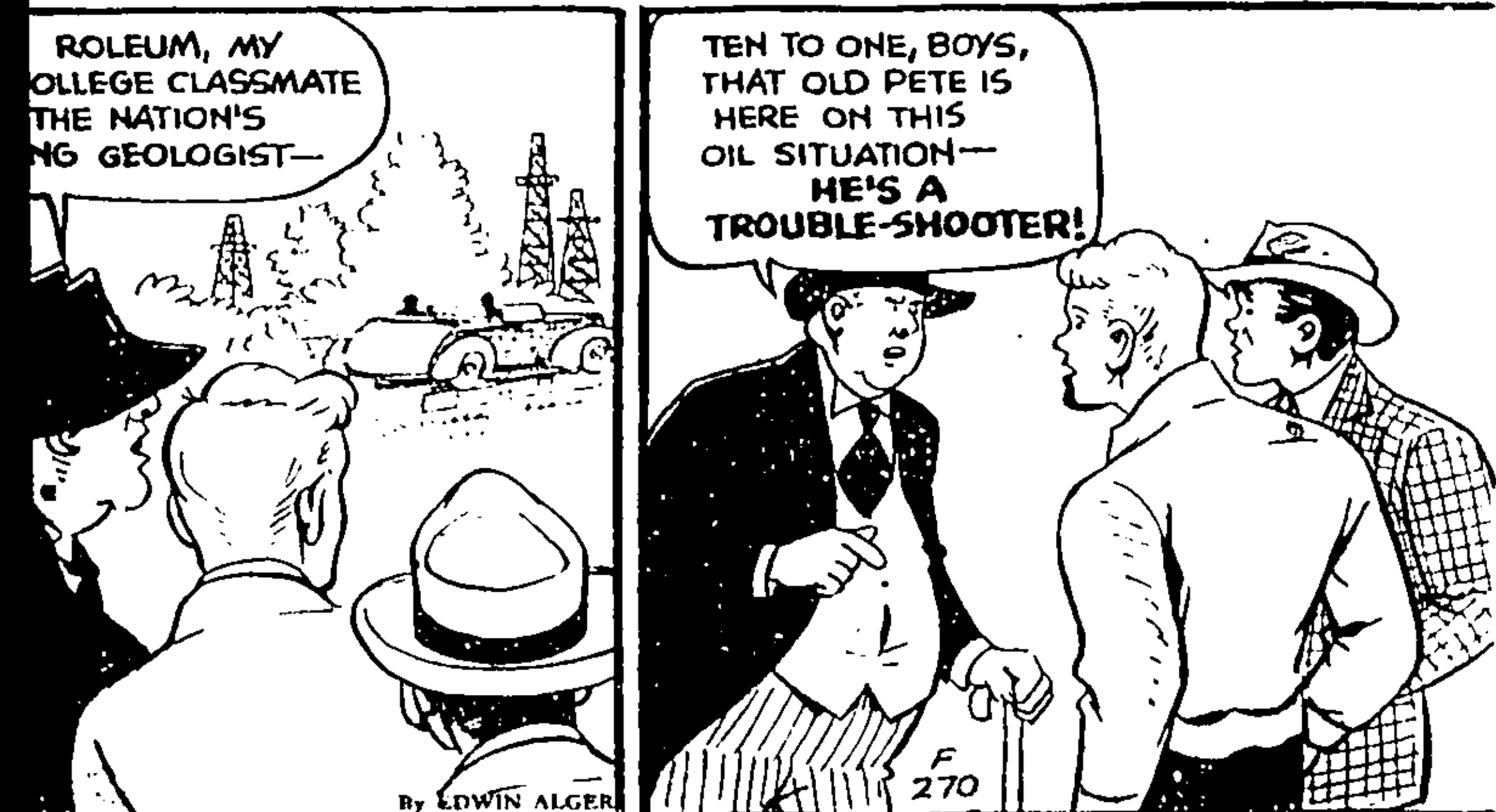
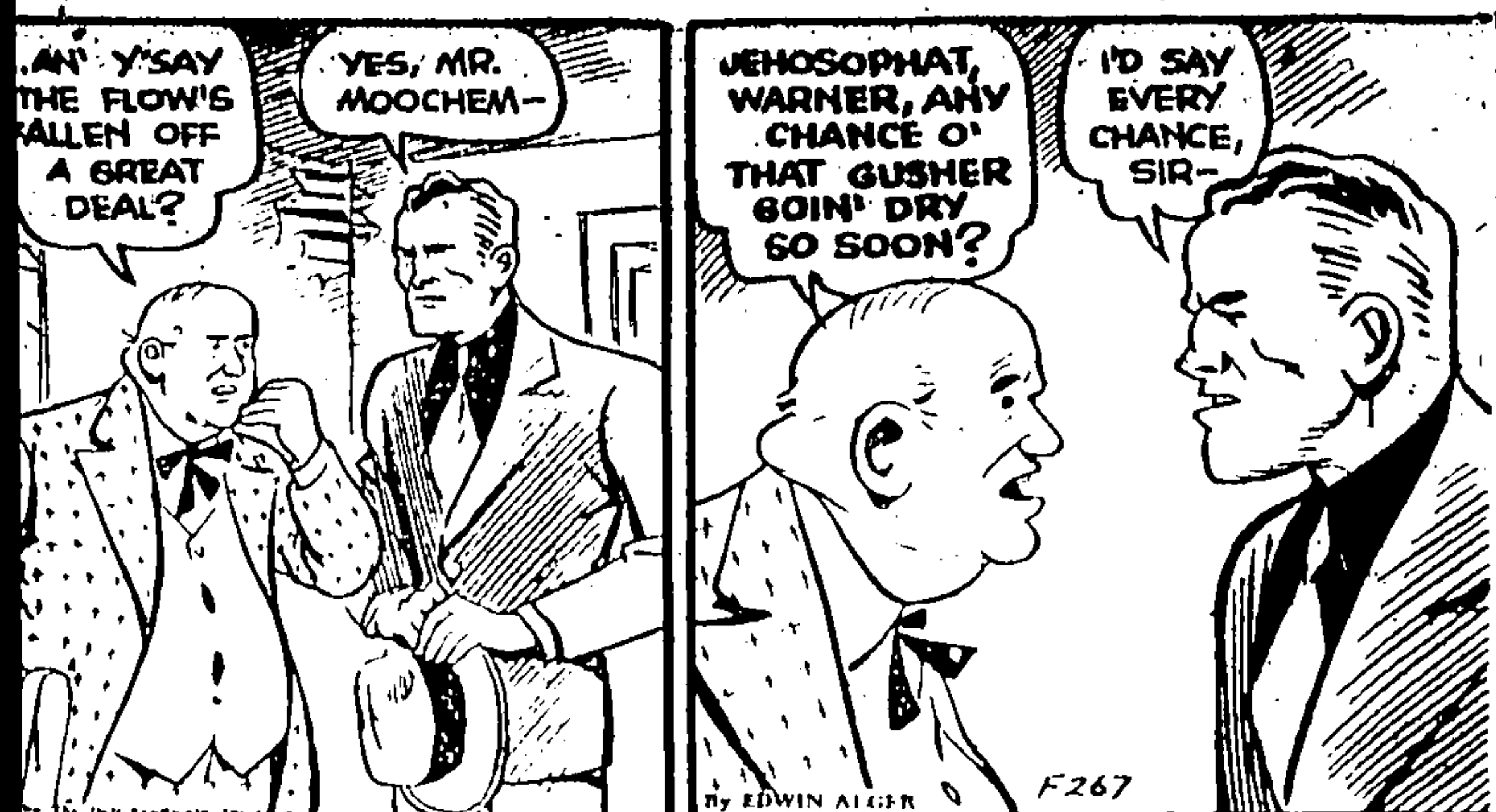
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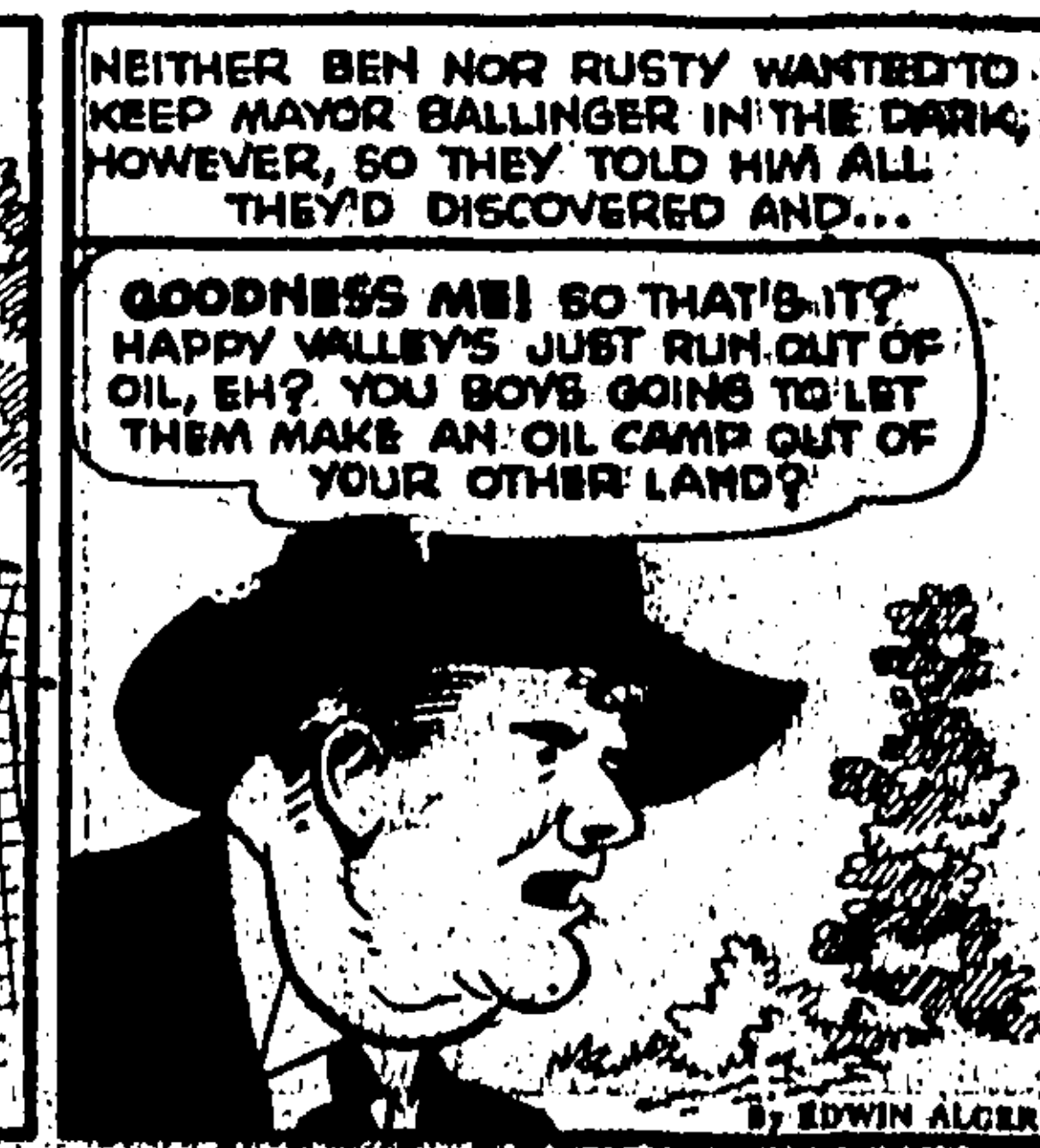
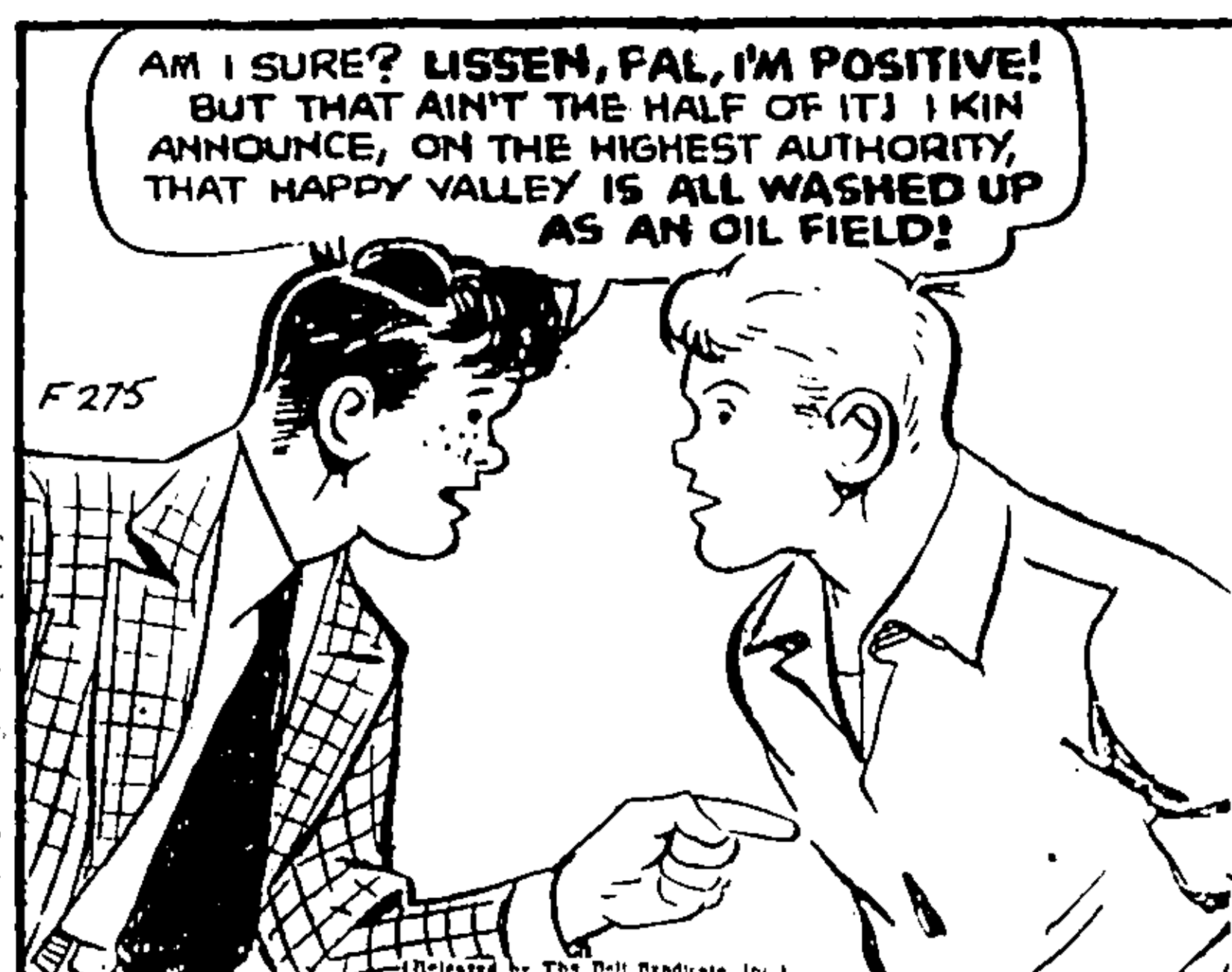
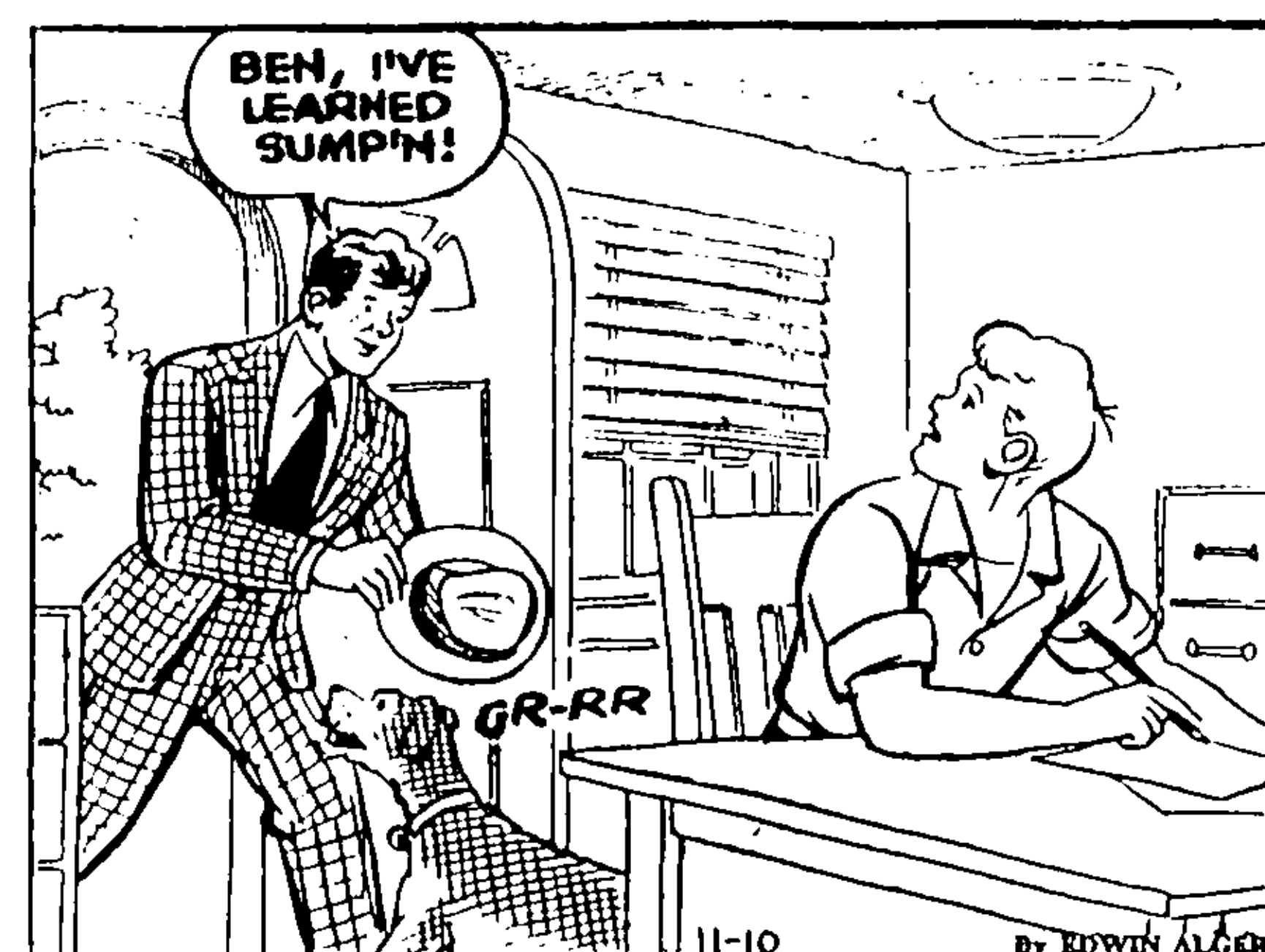
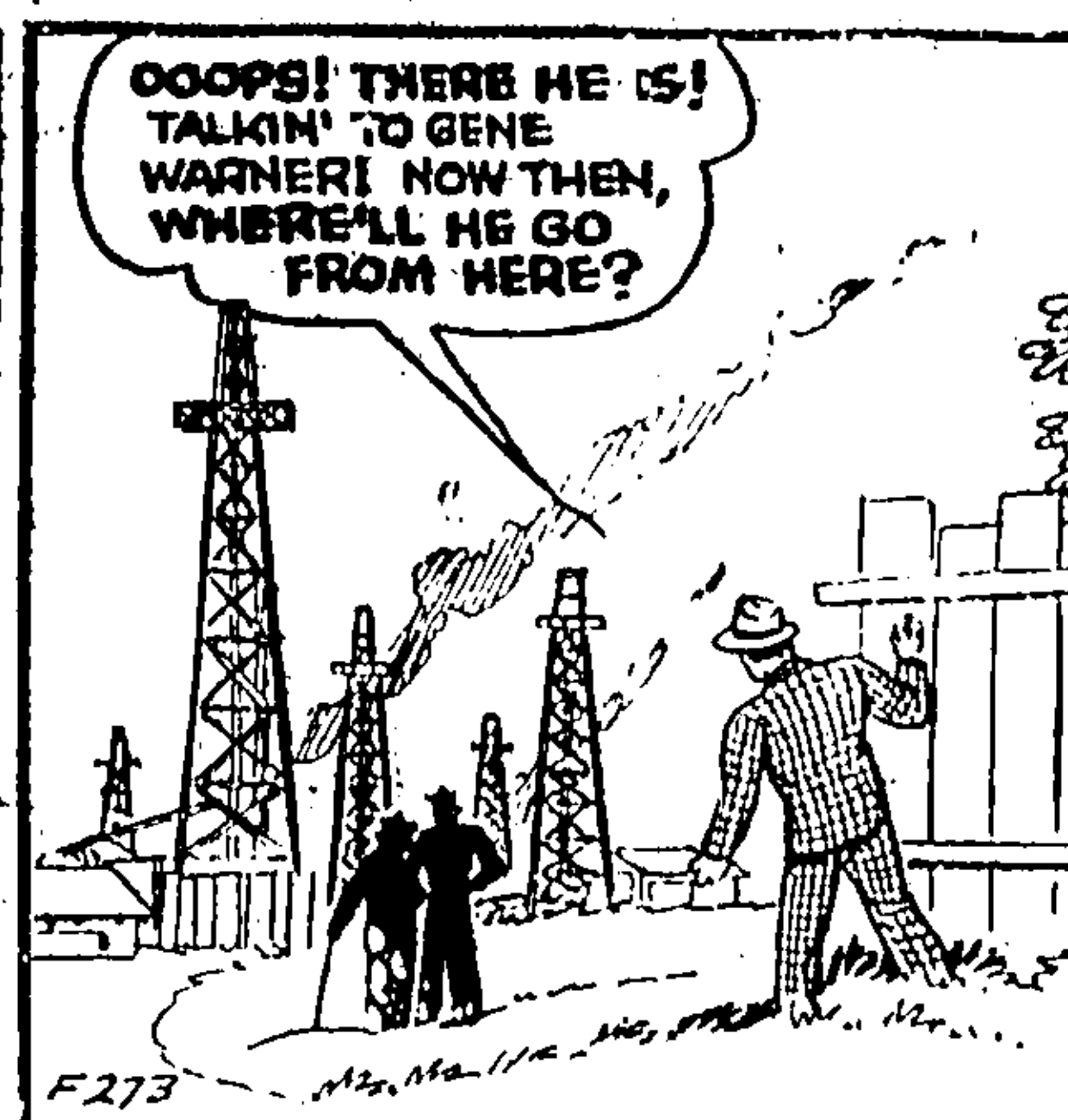
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By EDWIN ALGER

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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Figure Contouring

This is the simple story of correct body massage and the important part it can play in the removal of excess and unwanted fat.

Every woman knows that a certain amount of fat is essential to body health. It not only acts as a protective packing material in giving the human frame its smooth and rounded contours but is also a nutritive reserve. When this normal supply of fat is increased through lack of muscular exercise or incorrect diet, or both, it becomes a detriment to good looks and health. Every woman who discovers she is getting fat immediately wants to find a way to slim. She can, with comparatively little effort and very great effect, slim through expert massage. But she should exercise some between visits to a salon.

What Are Muscles?

A muscle is that part of the body which may be called a structural element or organ, devoted to the production of movement in the body. In other words, every move we make is controlled by the muscles, and physical limberness depends upon their condition. Every muscle is fed by arteries that carry streams of food and oxygen to them. The muscles in turn select their required diet and the veins carry away the waste products.

When these muscles (through lack of proper exercise) cease to function as they should, disaster results and fat accumulates.

As one becomes older active exercise seems to become a physical strain even though it shouldn't become so. The answer then to a fat-controlled body is a passive form of exercise that massage offers. For massage places no exertion on the heart or other organs and should, thereby, prove the ideal method for reduction. Massaging not only conditions the muscular system and eliminates superfluous fat but it greatly benefits the nervous system through its soothing treatment.



Keep healthy and slim through active outdoor exercise.

What To Expect From A Masseuse

It is the task of the masseuse to seek the roots of fat disorder and correct it, if she can. The correct routine of massaging is both relaxing and stimulating. It

loosens the fat particles, breaking them into units more easily disposed of, and then tightens the muscles that have become flabby. It is vital for the masseuse to have almost as thorough a knowledge of the body as a surgeon, so be certain the woman you go to has been certified. Many outstanding women who work in this field have taken medical courses and their trained, skillful fingers, and pressure, do what you hope they will do!

If exercise has not been forbidden you could help the slimming process along by exercising between salon visits. And once you get a "pretty figger," try to keep it so!

Styles For Long Hair

DON'T cut your hair. You will switch back to switches if you do, according to Emily Moore, hair stylist. For in her opinion the long hair vogue is coming back with a bang! The feminine public and the stars of stage and screen have shown their approval. Irene Hervey has made a Grecian coiffure popular. The hair is waved back from the face and braided into a big knot at the nape of the neck. In "Spring Parade," Deanna Durbin wears her hair braided into two buns, one over each ear, which is most in keeping with her youthful charm and it is predicted that campus lassies will embrace this hair-do wholeheartedly. Sub-debs, and debs, likewise are showing a yen for longer hair fashions. They like Anne Wynne's newest which is coronet braids set high on softly waved



SOPHISTICATED CHARM is the keynote of this lovely long-hair coiffure which Eleanor Powell wears so beautifully.

hair with a fringe of ringlets over the forehead. Sophisticated charm is radiated by Eleanor Powell's long hair fashion—parted in the centre her hair is rolled softly on each side high. These rolls are broken by a single fat curl above the ear. The rest of her hair is drawn loosely to the nape of her neck braided and then pinned up. This coiffure will please the most fashion-minded ladies who go in for the colourful, Spanish-looking. South American creations. And it is also lovely with dinner and evening gowns which are richly draped.

Milliner's Lend Their Art

Lilly Dache and Sally Victor, two of the most outstanding hat

stylists in this country believe that long hair, the real chignon worn low on the neck is definitely high-style to-day, and they have created the most exquisite hats and turbans to dramatise the new long-hair era. Gayly lined ruffles of the hat material cascade down the back of the hair, or layers of ruffled black lace form back drops. When these two women concentrate on bonnets for long-hair fashions you can wager the fashion is condoned!

Better Hair Health

Beauty editors will cheer this new style for now women can whip their hair into better health. Several permanent waves a year rob the hair of its vitality and the result, you can see on any main

street—discoloured, faded, frizzy, untidy ends hanging out from under the women's hats.

If your hair needs revitalising why not skip the next permanent wave and buy instead a braid to match your hair? Then you may brush your hair as much as you want, oil it frequently before shampoos, and keep the scalp cleansed and lubricated with a specific corrective tonic. In three or four months your hair will have so much renewed beauty that you will be grateful to milliners and beauty editors for considering your head problem! In the meantime you can be very stylish with a sleek hair-do and your braid.

And another thing—a secret most men ADORE long hair.

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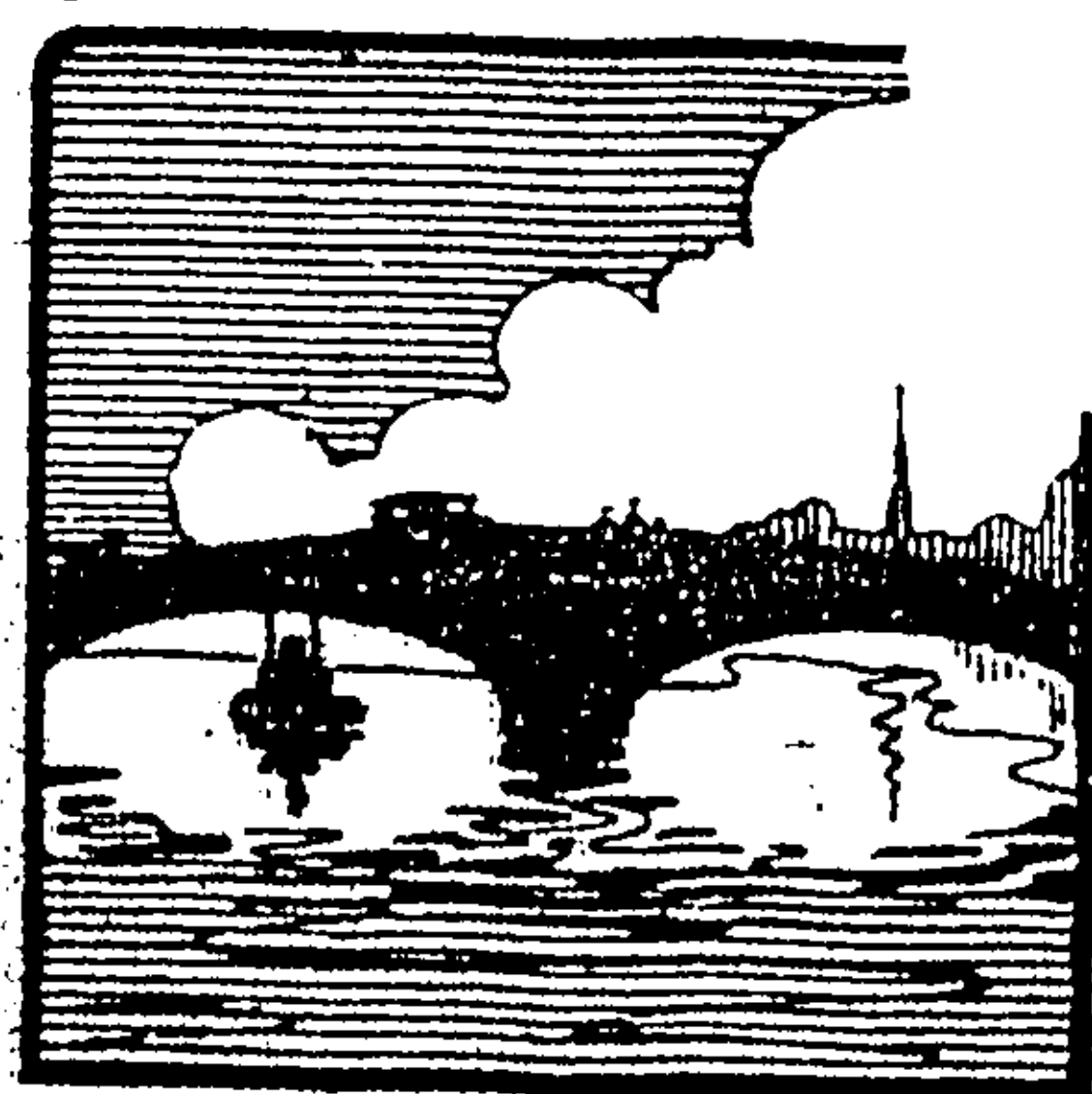
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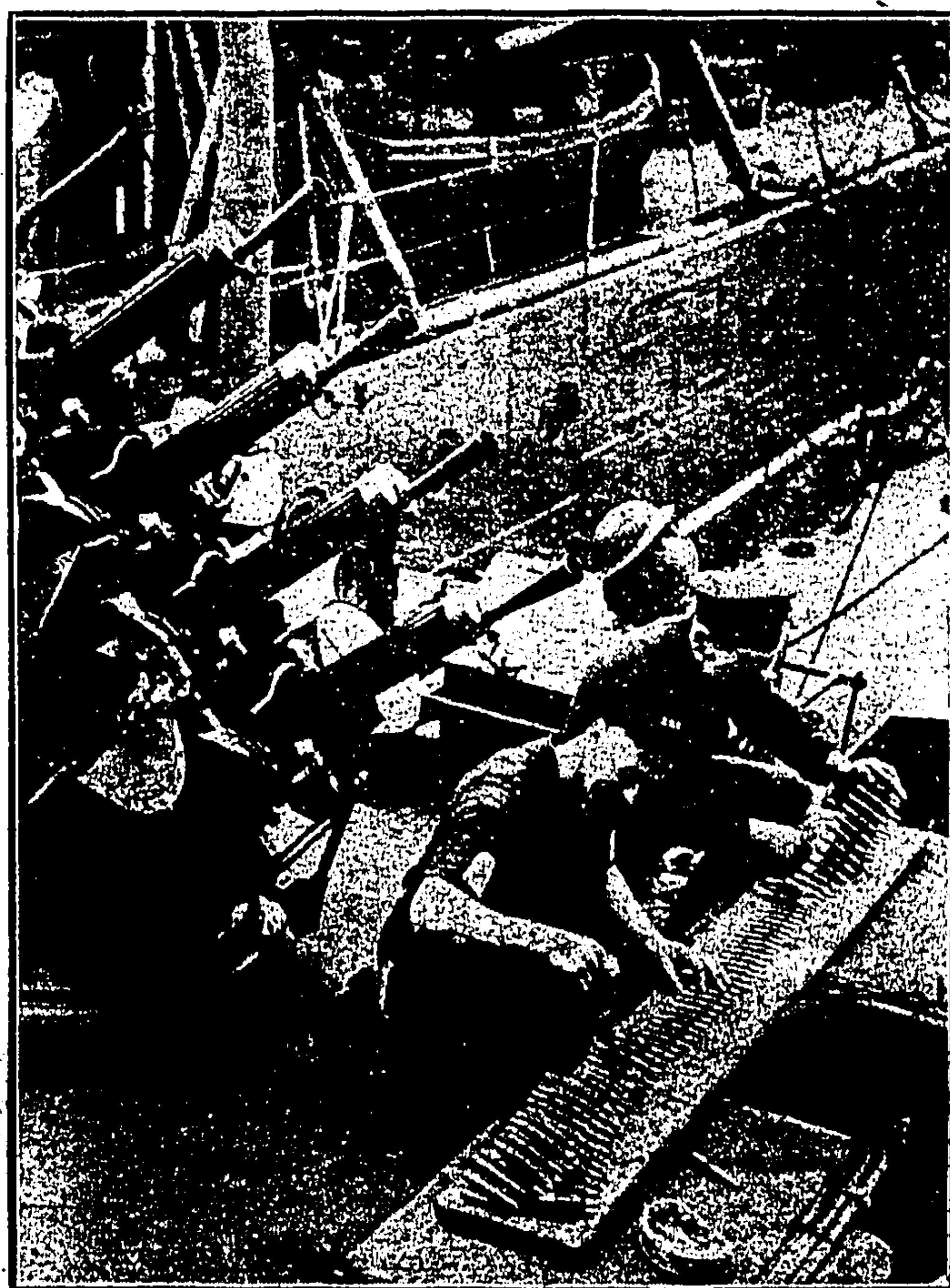
The Senior Shield match between the Middlesex and Sing Tao last Saturday provided one of the most thrilling soccer games of this season. Sing Tao won by the only goal. Here Cheung Wing choh, hero of the match, who foiled the Middlesex forward, is seen saving a dangerous ball from a corner.



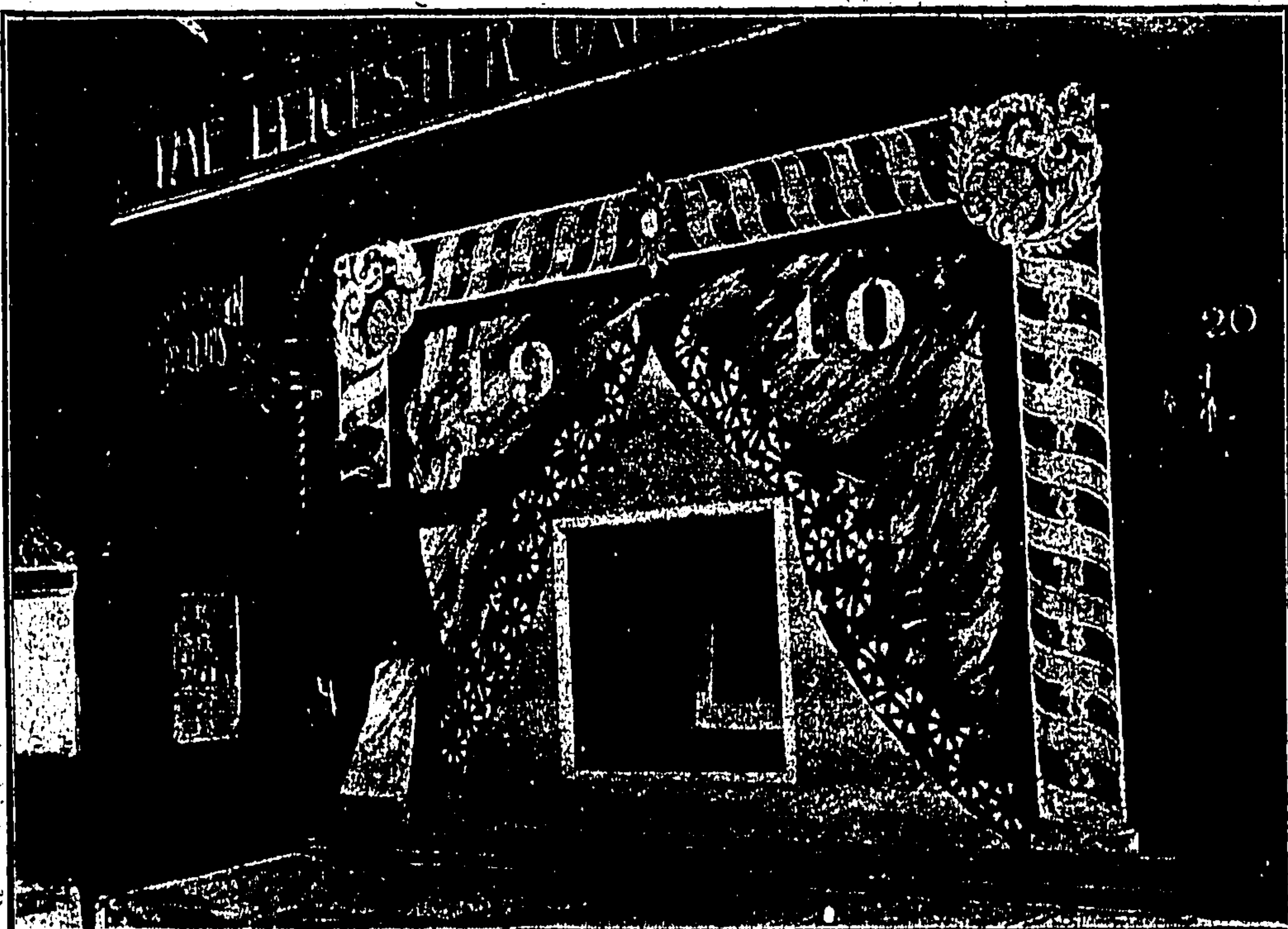
Officers of the Middlesex Regiment and of other units turned up in strength to last Saturday's Shield tie.



This is the Wildcat team which inflicted the season's first defeat on the Canuckettes in the softball league on Sunday. They won 11-2 and now challenge for the pennant.



This photograph, taken on the escorting vessel, shows men on board an East Coast Convoy proceeding South preparing machine guns for action. (Copyright, Fox).



It has been suggested that artists of repute should be invited by West End shopkeepers to design distinctive decorations for the blank spaces which now surround many of the "peepshow" windows. The Leicester Galleries have had their make-shift window decorated in the form of a theatre proscenium arch with a splash of crimson encircling the columns; this now frames the small window through which one may view whatever is displayed within. (Copyright, Fox).



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VICHY EXPECTS SOLUTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

French quarters in Vichy last night, according to reliable sources in the Petain capital, are expecting a final solution of the Franco-German crisis this week-end.

It is apparently assumed that the new instructions carried to Paris by Admiral Darlan yesterday, making his second trip to see M. Laval within five days, will produce a compromise arrangement.

Scarcely half an hour after Admiral Darlan, who is Minister of Navy in the Vichy Government, had received last-

Race Across Desert To Strike Before Halting Of Flight

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CAIRO IS BECOMING LESS COMMUNICATIVE REGARDING THE OPERATIONS OF THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES IN LIBYA, RETICENCE WHICH CORRESPONDENTS HAVE COME TO ASSOCIATE WITH AN IMPENDING DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT.

minute orders from Marshal Petain, the American Ambassador, Admiral Leahy, paid the Marshal a formal visit.

It was later reported that Admiral Darlan is to confer with M. Laval in Paris to-day on Marshal Petain's answer to the latest Nazi demands for the reinstatement of Mr. Laval in the French Government. — International News Service.

Observers with the advanced forces announce that motorised British detachments are now speeding across Libya by three different routes, racing to reach the Cyrenaican main seaport and capital, Benghazi, before the Italian High Command can halt the helter-skelter retreat of its troops and organise resistance.

The entire area of Eastern Libya is now under threat of capture, and at any time now may be expected indications that the British forces are converging on Benghazi by the coastal roads and from the road across the desert.

All semblance of Italian resistance along the route has apparently disappeared and prisoners are falling into British hands hourly.

While this situation exists in Libya, the British legions at the opposite side of Africa, supported by R.A.F. squadrons are crashing deeper into Mussolini's East African domains, Eritrea, Somaliland and Abyssinia.

Keren Under Siege

In Eritrea, one British armoured division is now laying heavy siege to Keren, only fifty miles west of the capital, Asmara, while the second column, which smash-

son Johnson and Mr. Clarence Gauss are to swap posts, while Mr. A. J. D. Biddle, the American Ambassador to Poland, now in London, has been ordered to serve concurrently as American envoy to the Governments of Belgium, Norway and the Netherlands in exile in London.

Recognising the need for strengthening relations between the United States and South America, President Roosevelt announced the elevation of the American Legation at Montevideo to an Embassy and nominated Mr. William Dawson, the Ambassador in Panama, to become the first U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay. — International News Service.

COLONIES' WAR RISK INSURANCE

Schemes similar to those provided for under the War Risks Insurance Act, which impose compulsory insurance of stocks against damage by enemy action, are under consideration in relation to those parts of the Colonial Empire which are more or less liable to enemy attacks.

This was announced by the Colonial Under-Secretary, replying to a Commons question, and he adds that such schemes would be administered by the Dependencies themselves. It is appreciated that most Dependencies are unable to meet unlimited liability and it is proposed to introduce legislation to empower the treasury to guarantee any such schemes in the Colonial Empire.

If this legislation is passed the Kenya and Uganda scheme will be guaranteed under it. — British Wireless.

H.K. Position

The "China Mail" understands that while the question of compulsory insurance against war damage has been preliminarily explored in Hong Kong, no immediate steps towards adoption of any scheme in the Colony are, at present, contemplated.

Enquiries in official quarters indicated that the question is not under active consideration.

SURPRISE MOVE BY DEMOCRATS ON NEW BILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LEADERS OF THE Democratic Party in Washington were responsible for a surprise move last night when they decided to accept a defeat in the House of Representatives.

The House had written into the All Out Aid To Britain Bill, an important amendment, a provision giving Congress undisputed authority to cancel the vast powers granted to President Roosevelt by the measure.

The amendment to the Bill, which was submitted by Representative Dirksen, was hotly debated and it was finally adopted by a margin of seven votes, 148 in favour to 141 against.

Some action to eliminate the restriction was anticipated in political quarters, but the Democratic leadership decided that the amendment brought new strength to the Administration forces because of its apparent check on the so-called dictatorial powers of the President. — International News Service.

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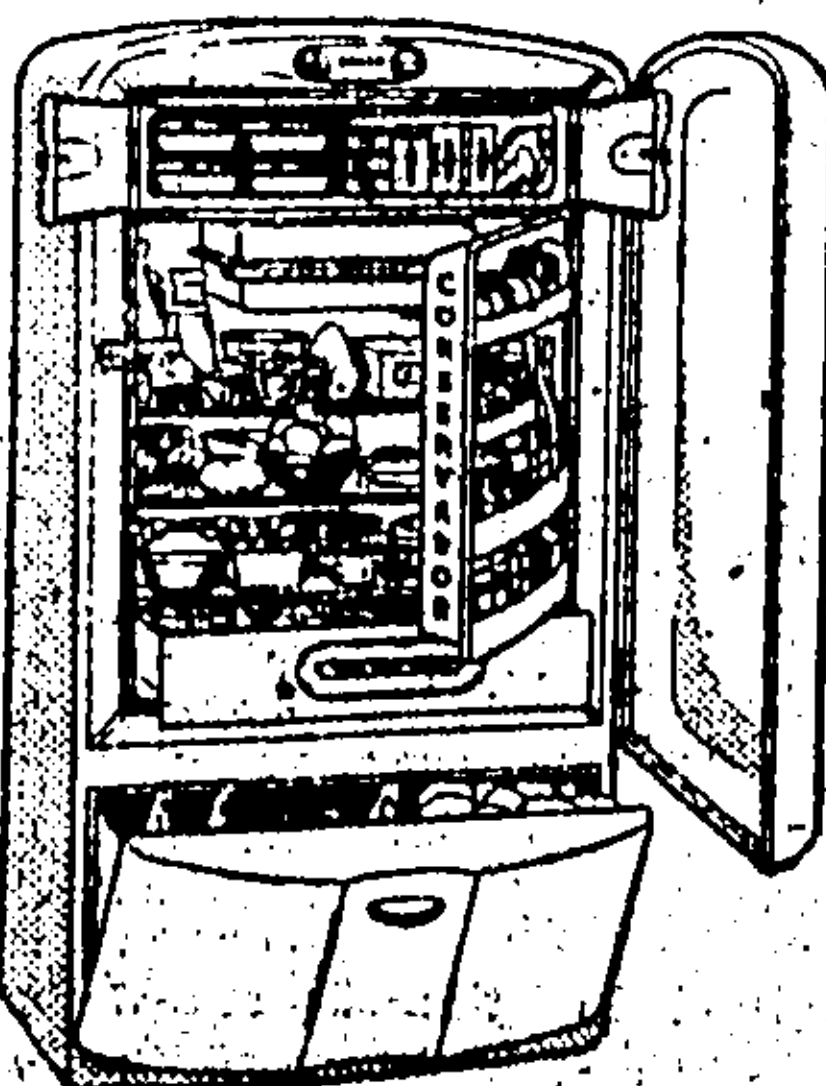
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt yesterday sharply re-aligned the American diplomatic corps in trouble zones in a shake-up topped by the appointment of Mr. J. G. Winant, the New Hampshire Republican, as Ambassador to Britain.

It was confirmed that Mr. Nel-

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Bombing Raids On Waichow Japanese Within 10 Miles

Civilians Ordered To Evacuate

INDISCRIMINATE bombing of Waichow was carried out yesterday by Japanese aircraft operating from the Japanese aircraft carrier in Bias Bay and from Canton, but the East River city was still in the hands of Chinese military last night.

Civilians have been ordered to evacuate. Reports received of Japanese troop movements, indicate that the Japanese plan to encircle the city.

BACK TO THE BLITZ PLEA

Nurses are patients in a glorious old mansion set amid some of Surrey's finest countryside.

They are recuperating in this house lent by its owners after working tirelessly through London's air blitz.

Many of them have been wounded, but this rest away from war, worry and work is fitting them once again to meet cheerfully all that Goering's murderers can send.

Conditions are ideal for a quick recovery. They walk round the beautiful grounds and garden, play tennis, or just sit and rest.

Typical of the girls are three who are aching to be back at work after only a fortnight's rest. They were bombed twice in one night; all were injured, but they are nearly better now—and they want to get back to their patients.

One of them was in her office, about to start on her reports, when the blitz came.

"I felt as if my head was leaving my body," she told a reporter. "Fortunately it did not; my body followed my head. I went up through the ceiling then down again to the floor."

"When I hit the floor again I lost consciousness. As I tried to climb out of the debris everything I touched came down on me again."

What she didn't say was that, although her arm was severely injured and she had scratches and cuts all over, she managed to help the rescue party get out patients buried under the debris. She stayed there until everybody was out.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

Forthcoming marriages are announced of Pte. Alfred George Judge to Miss Emilia Maria Silva, of No. 319 Nathan Road.

Mr. Lo Hong Lok, merchant, to Miss Loui Hong Yung, of No. 36, Nga Tsin Wai Road, Kowloon City.

WEDDING AT THE REGISTRY

The marriage took place at the Supreme Court Registry before Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy-Registrar, between Mr. Chan Shin Kee, merchant, of 71, Des Voeux Road, and Miss Leung Ching Choi, of No. 29, Kimberley Road.

Mr. R. T. Gregory, of No. 425, King's Road, has reported the theft of money and clothing, to the value of \$56, from his residence yesterday.

More Japanese troops were landed at Bias Bay yesterday and it is now estimated that there are at least 6,000 Japanese troops in the vanguard operating against Waichow.

Chinese forces counter-attacked yesterday behind the Japanese line west of Tamshui and are reported to have routed the Japanese garrison at Ping Wu.

Chinese troops were also sent out from Waichow towards Sheklung and last night were reported to have made contact with Japanese patrols from that city.

Fighting is still in progress between Tamshui and Waichow, the Japanese apparently holding their positions until the arrival of reinforcements.

Some 900 Japanese troops are garrisoning Sha-yu-chung.

Border Quiet

Less than 20 refugees crossed from Chinese territory into the New Territories yesterday, according to police reports. These have been sent to the Immigration Depot at Taiipo.

Japanese Within Ten Miles of Waichow

Later. Last night, according to reports received this morning, the Japanese vanguard was about 10 miles south of Waichow and engaged with Chinese troops.

Waichow and the roads leading from the city were bombed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. yesterday, but failed to interrupt the steady stream of refugees from the city and the arrival of Chinese reinforcements from the north.

Four Japanese transports arrived in Bias Bay yesterday afternoon and more troops were disembarked as well as quantities of war materials.

Three Japanese warships arrived off Namtau yesterday and landed troops and supplies.

Ten Japanese armoured cars and tanks, and an artillery unit, left Shumchun last night for the fighting zone.

Parachute Flares

Using parachute flares last night, Japanese aircraft bombed areas along the Canton-Kowloon Railway and between Tamshui and Shumchun.

This morning, it is reported, the Japanese landed military trucks at Namtau, which were later driven to Shumchun.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anticyclone now covers China, pressure being highest to the North-West of Shantung. The depression is situated to the North of Hokkaido and has increased considerably in intensity.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF REUTERS

The Board of Directors of Reuters have appointed Mr. Samuel Storey, M.P., to be Chairman of the Company in succession to Sir Roderick Jones. — Reuters.



Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chartar, who were married at St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday. The bride was formerly Miss Yvonne Joyce Spencer Crowley. (King's Studio).

BRITISH AIR ACHIEVEMENTS: VICTORY PRELUDE

BRITAIN MUST WIN the air-war as the prelude to victory, declared Air Commodore Goddard in a broadcast last night.

Air Commodore Goddard added that the recent lull meant that the German air force had been having difficulties.

"We have got through the winter pretty well," he said. Over four hundred and eighty enemy aircraft had been destroyed in the last two months.

The ratio of British successes to losses in the months of December and January was three to one.

Forty enemy planes—most of them the much vaunted dive-bomber—had been shot down near Malta in two months, with only two British losses. It was a grand beginning.

Since June last year, R.A.F. squadrons in the Middle East had destroyed over three hundred and fifty aeroplanes in the air and probably as many on the ground.

Commodore Goddard disclosed that since June, Britain "collected" over one hundred and forty night bombers, apart from those in the sea.

The British night gunners had shot most of them.—Reuters.

EIRE LOOKS TO DANGER

The Government of Eire is arranging for the voluntary evacuation of children from Dublin City and Kingstown borough in the event of a situation arising which would render such course advisable.

The scheme covers families whose incomes do not exceed £300 per year, but all persons who intend to evacuate, whether they come within the Government scheme or not, will have to register.

The scheme will be put into operation only if and when the Eire Government decide that the safeguarding of the lives of women and children is absolutely necessary.—Reuters.

Empire Supplies In East

The Secretary of State for India, Mr. Amery, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that two recommendations by the Eastern Group Conference which was recently held in New Delhi, are being carried out.

Firstly, the establishment in India of a Central Provision Office to co-ordinate military requirements and secondly, the appointment of an Eastern Group Supply Council to co-ordinate production and supply.

The Governments concerned have accepted these proposals and Britain has appointed Sir Archibald Carter, formerly of the Admiralty Board, to be their representative on the Supply Council and Major-General W. C. Holden, as officer in charge of the Central Provision Office.

Mr. Amery stated that both officers are assuming office immediately.—Reuters.

ANTONESCU DECREES

General Antonescu has published new decrees and announced that the interests of the State do not allow him to show leniency in future.

The death penalty will be imposed not only for possession of arms but also for drawing anti-Government cartoons.

Sentence of five to 15 years will be imposed for singing political songs.

DOG'S CRADLE VIGIL AS BOMBS FELL

THROUGH ELEVEN HOURS of hell, while Hitler's airmen rained death and destruction on Coventry, a fluffy grey and white terrier, Bob, kept an unbroken vigil over the cradle in which his seven-month-old master was sleeping.

Perched on his hind legs, his front paws resting on the side of the cradle, Bob watched the sleeping child. Now and then, as bombs screamed down, and the house shook from the vibrations, Bob growled quietly.

And when with the dawn, the sirens sounded the Raiders passed, he leaned over the cradle, licked his little master's face, curled up alongside him, and went to sleep.

Through many air-raid alarms, Bob has watched over the child, Nicholas Young, son of a Coventry engineer. As soon as the warnings sound, Bob stations himself at the cradle side, and there he stays, till danger has gone.

Twice Bombed

The home of the Youngs has been twice damaged by bombs. Glass has showered into the sitting-room where the baby sleeps; plaster has fallen from the ceiling, but Bob has never shown fright.

"When my son was born I gave Bob to him as a Christening gift," Mr. Young told a reporter.

"Since then, Bob has appointed himself personal bodyguard. All day long he romps and plays with Nicholas, and at night he sleeps beside the cradle.

"After Nicholas wakes up during the night, but Bob licks his face, and the baby smiles and goes to sleep again."

HAYASHI RELEASED ON BAIL

MR. HAYASHI, 70-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT OF THE JAPANESE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION, WHO HAS BEEN HELD UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE JAPANESE CONSULAR POLICE FOR THE ALLEGED WOUNDING OF MR. W. J. KESWICK, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, AND TWO JAPANESE OFFICIALS AT THE RATEPAYERS MEETING ON JANUARY 23, WAS RELEASED LAST NIGHT IN SHANGHAI UNDER BOND.

Mr. Hayashi will be confined to his home until his departure for Nagasaki in the near future where he will be brought to trial on the charge of attempted murder.—Reuters.

DR. DE GEER UPSETS FRIENDS

Returns To Enemy Occupied Holland From Lisbon

Breach Of Undertaking By An Old Man

THE ROYAL Netherlands Government has announced that it had learnt yesterday with a profound sense of indignation that, notwithstanding solemn assurances given to the contrary, Dr. D. J. de Geer, ex-Prime Minister of the Netherlands, has left Lisbon for the enemy-occupied part of the kingdom in Europe.

Dr. de Geer who is 78 years of age, was Prime Minister from June, 1939, to September, 1940. Thus he was head of the Government at the moment of the German invasion on May 10 last year and had an important share in the responsibility for the unanimous decision of the Cabinet to leave The Hague for London with Her Majesty the Queen.

Soon after the resignation of Dr. de Geer from the Premiership in September last year, the Government decided to entrust him with a mission to the Netherlands East Indies, which would have enabled him to join some members of his family living in that part of the kingdom.

Dr. de Geer left England in November last on the express condition that the official facilities granted to him were to serve exclusively for the purpose just mentioned and he himself gave a formal undertaking to that effect.

Breach Of Loyalty

Having learned with deep regret that the former Prime Minister has broken this solemn pledge by returning to occupied territory, the Royal Netherlands Government have the painful duty to make it known that they consider Dr. de Geer's conduct a breach of loyalty and an act detrimental to the national interests.

This unfortunate incident, concluded the announcement, can in no way be accepted as an indication of any change in the firm determination of the Royal Netherlands Government to continue the war against Germany on the side of their British ally until ultimate victory.—Reuter.

Aged And Anxious

It is learned in Dutch circles in London that Dr. De Geer, former Prime Minister of the Netherlands Government, decided to go to Holland because he was anxious about his wife's health. It was reported in London last night that on his arrival in Lisbon, Dr. De Geer learned that his wife, who had remained in Holland throughout the war, was dangerously ill.

A prominent Dutchman in London said: "Dr. De Geer has been feeling his advancing age for a long time and has been pining for his family. He had grown feeble and frail. In peace-time, he was an admirable Prime Minister, but he was not the man for such a vigorous task as prosecuting the war."—Reuter.

Special Arrangement

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") According to some London circles, Dr. Dirk Jan de Geer abandoned a diplomatic mission and slipped into Nazi-held Holland by special arrangement with German officials.

Although this is the war's first defection of a leading figure from the Allied side to German-controlled territory, it is not regarded seriously, but as the action of an old man worried by his wife's illness.—International News Service.

Ho Cheong-wun, of No. 1, Kai Yan Terrace, has reported the theft of an electric motor pump, valued at \$100, from the backyard of his house yesterday.

PACIFIC WAR PROBLEMS

In a joint statement after the meeting of the Australian War Council in Melbourne yesterday, Mr. Fadden, the acting Prime Minister and Mr. Curtin, the Labour Leader, declared, "There is no doubt of the seriousness of the international situation as it affects Australia."

The War Council discussed developments in the Far East and called into conference Vice-Admiral Colvin and Air-Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, Chief of the Australian Air Force. The statement also declared that "The War Council realises the necessity for taking all possible steps and calls on each individual for his maximum effort."—Reuter.

EVACUATION OF BERLIN'S CHILDREN

PROGRESS IN THE EVACUATION OF BERLIN CHILDREN TO DESTINATIONS EAST AND SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL IS REFERRED TO BY THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE MADRID NEWSPAPER, "A.B.C."

The correspondent says, it is hoped that this evacuation will be complete by February 20. The same correspondent quotes reports that His Holiness the Pope will send a message to Berlin and London expressing a desire for more humane aerial warfare.—Reuter.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF TUNG WAH

Mr. Fung Chi-ying, proprietor of the Ying Wah Dispensary, was elected Chairman of the Tung Wah group of hospitals at the annual general meeting last night. Mr. Fung served in the same capacity in 1937 and in 1938. He was elected Chairman of the Po Leung Kuli.



The King and Queen, with whom is Mr. George Gibson, Chairman of the T.U.C., inspecting mobile canteens at Buckingham Palace. The canteens were the gift of the T.U.C. to the Y.M.C.A. (Copyright, Fox).

ADMIRAL NOMURA IN SAN FRANCISCO

Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, arrived in San Francisco yesterday.

Admiral Nomura told reporters that there were no "questions between Japan and the United States that could not be settled amicably." — Reuter.

BOMBED, IT HAD A SALE

A London store hit by a high-explosive bomb during the night did a brisk trade — selling damaged stock cheaply.

"People came sight-seeing and stopped to buy," said a woman executive.

A large notice—"Business almost as usual"—was exhibited outside the store, which was extensively damaged.

The bomb went through the roof at one end of the store. It is believed that members of the staff and occupants of flats were in shelters in the basement.

It Opened On Time

Several bodies have so far been recovered. A number of injured were taken to hospital.

It is believed that an oil bomb was also dropped. It started a fire.

Before this was got under control further damage was done to the basement from the floor above.

Some departments were completely wrecked, but in the morning the store opened promptly at nine.

Some of the stock from the wrecked departments was salvaged and transferred to undamaged departments and the staff of the wrecked departments were on duty to take orders.

LORD WILLINGDON UNWELL

The British Trade Mission to South America arrived in Colombia to-day.

Lord Willingdon has been compelled to abandon leadership of the mission owing ill-health and is returning to England shortly.—Reuter.

COL. DONOVAN IN JERUSALEM

Colonel Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy to the Balkan countries and the Near East, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday.

He had conversations with the High Commissioner, Sir Harold MacMichael.—Reuter.

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MARSHAL PETAIN MAKES COMPROMISE OFFER TO HITLER

ADMIRAL DARLAN, accompanied by General Huntziger, Vichy War Minister, is reported to be in Paris with counter-proposals from Marshal Petain to Herr Hitler's demands.

It is believed that the proposals suggest a compromise whereby M. Laval will be included in the Vichy Government without accepting Hitler's more drastic demands.

The Vichy correspondent of a Swiss newspaper declares that M. Laval told Admiral Darlan that he would not mind handing over French naval bases in the south of France and Tunis so long as Germany would not take over the French Fleet and the Army. This correspondent also declares that M. Laval stated that he would not join the Vichy Cabinet unless he could gain control of the Police, the Press and the radio.

More Violent

In the meantime, threats from the German-controlled press and radio in Paris continue to become more and more violent. The latest threat is that unless Marshal Petain can reach an agreement the next problem will be to save the Marshal.

A German station in Stuttgart, broadcasting in French, said, "Remember there is only an armistice between Germany and France, and peace has not been established. If the position remains the same for the present or changes for the worse as it is likely to, Germany will have to impose much more severe peace terms. We must, therefore, warn France."

A. Directorate

The latest rumour is that, instead of a triumvirate, there may be a directorate of four under Marshal Petain, the other members being M. Laval, Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Baudoin.

All reports of a solution which may be reached, should be regarded as speculation. Political circles in Berlin show great reserve concerning French policy and no declaration has been made at the Wilhelmstrasse concerning the formation of the new National Party in Paris or the attitude of the Vichy Government.

Call For Recruits

Radio stations in unoccupied France are urging young Frenchmen to join the army. This follows the recent appeals for young men to join the French navy.—Reuter.

LONDON FEARS OF TAXATION

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday, hesitant conditions prevailed at the outset and some marking down in prices occurred but, in the absence of any selling pressure, the markets closed steadier.

Industrial issues, especially tobaccos, were dominated by fears of taxation. Oil shares were occasionally a shade off, while Kaffirs closed steady. Among foreign bonds, Japanese bonds further hardened. Brazilian and Belgian issues, also improved. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

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OUTBREAK OF RUFFIANISM IN SHANGHAI

Invited to make a statement "on the outbreak of ruffianism in the International Settlement of Shanghai" Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said: "While Mr. Anthony Eden has some preliminary information on the attempt at arson at the Shanghai Race Club and the bombing of the Special District Court, he is not yet in a position to give a detailed official account of these incidents."—Reuter.

MR. C. E. GAUSS' APPOINTMENT

A message from Washington states that President Roosevelt has formally nominated Mr. Clarence Gauss, United States Minister to Australia, to be Ambassador to China, in succession to Mr. Nelson T. Johnson.—Reuter.

Admiral Leahy Sees The Marshal

ACCORDING TO A VICHY MESSAGE TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY IN BERLIN, MARSHAL PETAIN YESTERDAY RECEIVED THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, ADMIRAL LEAHY.—REUTER.

VACCINATION REFUSAL NOT BAR TO R.A.F.

Refusal to be vaccinated or inoculated is not a disqualification for enlistment in the Royal Air Force.

Attention of recruiting officers has been recently drawn to the instruction that inoculation and vaccination can only be done by consent, and that recruits must not be rejected if they refuse.

This statement is made in a written answer by Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for A.R. to Mr. W. Leach, M.P. for Bradford.

MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS IN INDIA

A further nine-hundred Italian prisoners, including one hundred and four officers, have arrived in Bombay.—Reuter.

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HORIZONTAL

- Least bit
- Hindu princes
- Greek letter
- To be mistaken
- To combine
- Sprinted
- Appendages
- Irregular
- Adds
- To appear
- Relieved
- To respond
- Pronoun
- Outcast
- To play a prominent part
- Pronoun
- More uncommon
- High priest
- Makes lace
- Path
- Note of scale
- To excite
- A number
- Diminutive of Mary
- Used to be
- Mused
- To make requital

VERTICAL

- Gushing flow
- Anglo-Saxon money
- Banal
- Colloquial: cattle-thief
- Article
- Nothing
- Philippine aborigines
- Covered conduit
- To reduce to ashes
- Owens
- Nooks
- To lie at ease
- Dregs
- Calyx leaf
- To strike
- Part of a corolla
- Egyptian measure of length (pl.)
- House plant
- Examination
- To invigorate
- To talk haltingly
- Venerates
- To cease
- Withered
- Girl's name
- To keep at a distance
- Smooth consonant
- Colloquial: to criticize
- To employ
- Delved
- Noise
- Evergreen tree
- Symbol for ruthenium

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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SAFETY CITIES PLAN

A project for centralising in Portugal all international efforts to protect children from the consequences of aerial warfare is to be made officially by the Portuguese Government to all the belligerent powers, according to a message from Lisbon.

A plan was unofficially put forward recently in the Lisbon newspaper "Diario de Noticias" urging the establishment of "safety cities" in all countries at war, where children would be guaranteed freedom from aerial bombardment.

"Let us centralise in Portugal and co-ordinate the magnificent work of the International Red Cross units," wrote the newspaper.

"This generation, representing the Europe of to-morrow, cannot be held responsible for the bloody conflict which is now proceeding in Europe.

It is a question of saving from dread and fear and the inevitable physical debility, thousands of children — English, German, French, Italian, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian and Greek without distinction.—Reuter.

WILLKIE ARRIVES IN AFRICA

THE DIXIE CLIPPER WITH MR. WENDELL WILLKIE ABOARD, HAS ALIGHTED AT BOLAMA IN WEST AFRICA. PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK.

The machine is inaugurating the new homeward course of American Clippers from Europe.

This was the first time that an American commercial aircraft has visited an African port and also the first time that any part of Africa has been linked with the United States by air. — Reuter.

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TO-MORROW

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"WATERLOO BRIDGE"

Indian Troops Shine In Western Desert

"The inspiring feat of arms achieved by troops from India in the recent successful operations in the Western Desert in Egypt" is the subject of a special message received by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief from the Army Council.

"The British soldier is proud," says the message, "once again to have gained the victory side by side with his Indian brother in arms. The Army Council extends to you your warmest congratulations. The courage and endurance shown by all ranks, British and Indian, have aroused our keenest admiration."

"How Indian troops took their full share in the capture and destruction of the Italian forces on Egyptian soil can now be told in fuller detail."

Brave Dust Storm

Between December 6 and 7 an Indian division, under cover of a dust storm, left their concentration area near Marsa Matruh and concentrated apparently unobserved, after a 25 to 50 mile march, near Kenayis to the south-west. On the following day the division moved some fifty miles further to the west into an area about 15 miles south-east of Nibelwa camp where the Italian armoured forces under General Maletti which included elements of a Black Shirt division were located. Here our troops were joined by armoured units. The Italian position had been reconnoitred during hours of darkness and it was found that the defences were definitely weaker on the south-west than elsewhere. It was accordingly decided to attack the camp from the south-west, but at the same time with the aid of some artillery and infantry to create an impression of an attack from the south-east. During the night of December 8/9 the troops moved to their assembly positions for the attack the noise of their movements being covered by aircraft which flew over the camp and dropped bombs. Artillery was brought up into position within 700 yards range of the enemy forces.

Hand-To-Hand Fighting

The attack began about 7 a.m. on the morning of the 9th and was preceded by a short but heavy concentration of artillery fire on the enemy defences. Simultaneously our tanks attacked and reached the defences about 7-30 a.m. They were closely followed by British and Indian infantry who had been brought up in motor transport to within 800 yards of the enemy positions. The tank attack was covered by a smoke screen and broke through the enemy lines. Many enemy tanks were caught while they were still in their tank park with their engines warming up.

They were fired on while still in rows and were soon on fire. The Italians were evidently heavily shaken by the tank attack following so closely on the artillery bombardment and by the almost simultaneous arrival of British and Indian infantry who swept through the camp.

There was, however, a considerable resistance in the south-east corner of the camp where hand to hand fighting took place. By 8-45 a.m. the whole of this large defended camp was ours. Some 2,000 prisoners were taken immediately, some thirty enemy tanks were destroyed and twenty-five to thirty guns of various calibres captured in addition to many light and heavy machine-guns.

Tummar Attacked

Following on the capture of Nibelwa the Indian division moved northwards towards Tummar West which formed part of another Italian defended position, some 6 to 8 miles north of Nibelwa. By 12-30 p.m. the reconnaissance of this position had been completed. An attack was launched from the north-west along the normal line of entry into the camp at 1-45 p.m. Our tanks entered the camp at 2 p.m. followed by two infantry battalions, one British and one Indian, who swept to the right and left respectively as soon as they had penetrated the defences.

700 Captured

A further Indian battalion formed a defensive flank to the east to guard against any counter attack which might be launched from that direction. The attack was completely successful.

Our men were in high spirits and three thousand prisoners and many guns were taken in the Tummar position. During this time other troops of the Division staged an attack on the Italian position of Tummar east. This was executed by a detachment of tanks and an Indian Battalion. The attacking force passed through our troops while under shell fire at about 3-15 p.m. — the Indian Battalion in lorries and cheering madly. This advance ran into an enemy counter-attack which had just been launched. One Company of the Indian troops got out of their lorries and bringing their automatic weapons into action, killed about four hundred of the enemy, while another Company captured about seven hundred more who surrendered on seeing the fate of their fellows. Altogether about one thousand prisoners were taken in this particular action and as darkness fell they were led off to Tummar west, the main position of Tummar east was occupied early next morning, the night being spent in the vicinity of Tummar west.

Enemy Trapped

The attack was continued on the morning of December 10 against further minor enemy positions between Tummar west and Sidi Barrani, more Italian prisoners being captured. At 4-15 p.m. an attack, supported by artillery and tanks, was launched to secure the Sidi Barrani road to the east of that place. This attack reached its objective easily, opposition being only slight. On December 11 operations were continued to trap the enemy in Sidi Barrani and were carried out in cooperation with other portions of our forces operating to the east. In this drive the remnants of a Black Shirt Division and a Libya Division were caught and surrendered. In the meantime one of the brigades of the Indian Division had been mopping up Italian positions to the east to Tummar west. The Italian garrison of a defended position known as Point Ninety was summoned to surrender.

Slight Casualties

They at first agreed to do so and then changed their minds. Accordingly they were attacked by our tanks and Indian infantry. The attack had just entered the position when the enemy surrendered, three to four thousand prisoners being taken. In the zone of the Indian Division, no more organised enemy resistance remained and the rest of the daylight was spent in mopping up and collecting Italian prisoners and material. The full extent of our casualties has not yet been ascertained but they are known to have been remarkably slight in view of the extent of the operations and the strength of the Italian positions. — A. P.

INDIAN TROOPS DO FINE WORK

Details of the fine work done by Indian troops in Eritrea now available in New Delhi show that the Punjab, Garwal, Baluch and frontier force regiments fought throughout in the battle which resulted in the occupation of Barentu.

The occupation followed a five-day battle fought by one Indian Brigade through a narrow gorge and a ten-day battle fought along the Aicota/Barentu road by another Indian Brigade.

With their experience in mountain warfare, the Indian troops excelled themselves in the difficult country around Barentu, resembling the North-West frontier, forcing the enemy to retreat from their mountain positions at the point of the bayonet and repulsing numerically superior attacks. Indian troops are among those now advancing from Agordat towards Keren. — Reuter.

PREMIER'S TRIBUTE TO LORD LLOYD

In the course of a tribute to the memory of Lord Lloyd, the Prime Minister spoke of the loss as being particularly painful to him in view of many years' friendship.

"We championed several causes together which did not command the applause of large majorities. It is just in this kind of cause, where the swimmer is against stream, that one learns the worth and quality of a friend." — British Wireless.

PROPAGANDA GERMAN AND BRITISH

Comparing British and German methods of using broadcasting, Mr. Ogilvie, Director-General of the B.B.C., in a speech last night said: "British broadcasting in peace time was used unlike the German, for the purposes of peace."

"In wartime, it is used, like the German, as an instrument of war, but its methods are the opposite of German methods at almost every point."

German technique is laid amazingly bare in the pages of "Mein Kampf." It depends upon lies, big lies, especially as Hitler says it should.

The British methods are those of Democracy which is fighting for its life, is fighting for freedom. And more than that, they are the only methods which, in the long run, are effective.

Mass hysteria, the inflaming of brutal passions — these may have their success for a time. But the effect of them wears off and then revulsion follows with unforeseeable consequences for those who turned the power of propaganda to evil purposes." — British Wireless.

FORGED IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES

At the request of Inspector Moreton, of the S.C.A., Fan Liu, 46, and Tsim Lan, 29, widow, were remanded until Monday by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at Kowloon this morning when they were charged with possession, on Wednesday, of 18 forged Immigration certificates and a forged seal, purported to be the seal of Assistant Immigration Officer Kuan Tan, at No. 147, Nam Cheong Street.

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"SHOULD BRITAIN FAIL"

One passage in a telegram addressed to Mr. Roosevelt by advocates of greater aid to Britain must challenge the least attentive reader of America's newspapers.

The signers of this message urge the President to inform the country "clearly and boldly of the possibilities of English failure and of the consequences to us and to our children's children should Britain fail."

"Should Britain fail." What, Americans may ask, is the very best that they can expect if that dire thing should come to pass? A brooding and uneasy peace; a peace in which they would continue to arm feverishly because they could not trust the future; burdens of taxation such as they cannot contemplate on the basis of any experience they have had thus far; their own democracy refashioned into some kind of totalitarianism as they struggled both to support a war economy and to hold a dwindling share of trade. And the worst?

Britain under fascism, the Dark Ages again in Europe; enemies on two fronts; the spectre of invasion.

Between the United States and this grim prospect there now stands England: not imperial England, not the England of the Black-and-Tans, not the England of the old school tie, not the England of the House of Lords, but the England—or Britain—of millions of common, hard-working, long-suffering men, women and children who could end the war by a surrender to-morrow if they brought pressure on their Government, but who steadfastly refuse to do so.

If Americans face the facts they realise what bulwark it is that protects their young men from the danger of battle and the rest from the hardships that would be "should Britain fail." That bulwark, at the moment, is not the British Empire, or the British Army, or the British Air Force, or even the British Navy which has guarded the seas so long. It is the bodies of British civilians, exposed of their own free choice to mutilation and death. It is these men and women, in nightly peril, who give security and make "isolation" possible.

News from France during the past few weeks has been scanty, out from such reports as are available there appears to have been little or no change in the material situation of that unfortunate country. But there is evidence of a striking change in the frame of mind of many French people. It is true that M. Laval, the apostle of complete subservience to Germany, remains in Paris, where he receives such orders as Abetz may choose to give him. You may remember that it was Abetz who so skillfully directed the Nazi campaign of propaganda, bribery, and corruption in France—and Paris in particular—in the months immediately preceding the outbreak of war. And just as then he found Frenchmen who were ready to act as his tools, so now there are some who apparently feel that the best hope for France is tame submission to an enemy who has never concealed his long-standing determination to reduce their country to the status of a third-class power.

In her present plight France can't hope, of course, to put up a successful resistance to any German demand, however onerous it may be. Yet there is a world of difference between willing subservience and the sullen performance of a rebellious heart. To their credit some members of the Vichy Government seem to do as little as they can to please their German task-masters, but it is not from Vichy that the seeds of French resistance will be sown. The signs that France, the real France, is not dead come from elsewhere. Enough is now known to encourage the belief that parts of certain sections of the community—I will say no more than that—are beginning to drag themselves out of the slough of despond into which they were plung-

ed by the sudden and unexpected breakdown of French resistance. One of these signs is evidence of a very definite change of attitude towards Great Britain.

Until Germany began her so-called aerial blitzkrieg against Britain many millions of people across the Channel were in a state of fiery resentment against Britain for a variety of reasons. After the first terrible shock of sudden and utter defeat had passed away they began to wonder how and why it had happened. For a time the sins of their own politicians and the shortcomings of their military organisation were rightly

By
Thomas Cadett

regarded as the chief causes of the disaster. But there is always a natural tendency to shift the blame for failure upon someone else's shoulders, and this was cleverly exploited to the full, both by some of the guilty parties and by the Germans themselves.

Obviously it was to the advantage of those who might otherwise have been called to account that the justifiable bitterness of the nation as a whole should be diverted against another target. So you found the Laval, the Bonnets, the Flandins, and their like encouraging their countrymen to believe that Great Britain was the villain of the piece. The Britons had forced them into war, they had failed to give them the support they had promised, they had cut and run, leaving them (the French) to face disaster. To make the accusation more plausible, charges were trumped up

against such advocates of continued resistance as Paul Reynaud, Mandel, and others. The Germans themselves were delighted with this tendency and did all that they could to encourage it. You can see for yourselves the advantage to Germany of having a France which would transfer her hatred of the invader to her former ally. Every imaginable form of lie and distortion was used in the process, and for a time it came off.

Let me give you an example. I recently met a French airman who was in Morocco when the unhappy incident occurred at Oran (where the British were obliged to take action to prevent the French Fleet from sailing off to surrender and—inevitably—to seizure by the Germans). This airman told me that when he heard about the action he bitterly regretted it but nevertheless felt that the British could have done nothing else. But then he heard that British aeroplanes had fired upon defenceless French sailors struggling in the water, 'I was boiling with rage when I was told this,' he said. 'If I had had a plane at that moment, I would have taken it up and bombed anything British within reach. But two or three days later I heard the truth. When your planes flew over our ships, they were fired upon by French machine-guns from the shore, and it was the sight of their bullets whipping down again into the water which led people to believe that you British had been guilty of a wicked crime.' I may add that the truth has never been allowed to reach the French people.

Another thing made the French people hope for Britain's defeat. It was the belief that if she went under Germany would be so busy wreaking revenge upon Britain that she would have little time to

spare for taking it out of France, who would thus escape relatively lightly. I personally think that this belief would have proved a fallacy. There is enough greed and brutality in the German make-up to produce plenty of misery for all. However that may be, the belief certainly existed, and so large numbers of Frenchmen—though not all, of course—awaited with resignation what they expected to be Britain's early and crushing defeat.

Well, here Britain is, still uninvaded, being heavily battered it is true, but firm on her feet and giving as well as taking punishment. And suddenly Britain's former allies across the Channel are beginning to realise that for the first time since he started his march towards world domination, Hitler has struck a snag—and a very nasty one at that. He has, as the French say, 'tombe sur un bec de gaz'—run up against a lamp-post. And with that knowledge has come wisdom and new hope. The wisdom lies in the realisation that in a British victory alone lies any possibility of restored freedom for France; the hope lies in the evidence Britons have given of their capacity to hold on grimly and steadily increase their strength at the same time.

It would be absurd to suggest that the result has been to set all France upon the road to that passive resistance and stubborn spirit of non-cooperation which can do so much to hamper the task of any conqueror. But I do believe—and many independent Press reports confirm this—that more and more people are beginning to hope for Britain's victory, more and more sincerely wish her well, more and more take delight in what they hear of the heavy price she extracts from Germany in the air, both in her defensive and offensive operations. And I believe, too, that the Germans themselves have begun to realise this. At first the attitude of the Nazi Army of Occupation was scrupulously correct, and for a time this had its effect, making the French feel that after all perhaps the Germans were not as black as they had been painted. There is no reason to believe that even now the actual demeanour of the German troops has changed for the worse. But by now the French people see that they are being politely but firmly bled white for the benefit of their conquerors. It would be bad enough if the tributes forced from them were limited to the huge sum for the cost of the Army of Occupation.

But in addition, in the occupied zone worthless marks set at a preposterous rate of exchange are being used by the Germans to clean out the French shopkeepers, while large-scale requisitioning of foodstuffs is going on throughout the entire land. Some of this food is requisitioned by the Germans on the ground that it is needed for feeding the vast band of French soldier prisoners in their hands. Actually these unfortunate men are being kept on the verge of starvation, and the food stolen in their name is shipped off to Germany to fill the bellies of their conquerors, who for so long accepted the dictum of Goering that guns come before butter. These things are beginning to leak out, and not all the anti-British propaganda in the world will blind reasonable Frenchmen to the fact that ruthless exploitation is the penalty of their captivity. It will not be long before they realise, too, that once the German soldier has done his work of aggression and conquest, his victims are turned over to the vile gang of bullies and torturers under Himmler, known as the Gestapo.

You may ask, 'But what can they do, these Frenchmen, even if they now realise the full consequences of defeat, even if they now want Great Britain?' My answer is that the French are intense individualists, rebels even by nature. They are capable of infinite and subtle variation of passive resistance. Nor are they cowards, once they believe that their efforts are 'not doomed to failure.' Some of them, no doubt, are still cowed and dejected by defeat. Others have little or no concern but for their immediate needs and problems, food, work, shelter, the reunion of broken family bonds. But there is evidence that the old Gallic pride and spirit of independence which so recently appeared to be crushed for ever, is still there, and once again beginning to raise its head.

Public Opinion In War

The extent to which freedom of opinion is allowed in England was, even in peace-time, a constant source of surprise to foreigners. One experience I had of it, shortly before the outbreak of war, left a particularly strong impression upon my mind. London, even then, had its bombs, the I.R.A. believing at that time that they could terrorise the British public by senseless acts of violence.

Bombs were exploded in railway stations, on bank premises and in the neighbourhood of power stations. A number of people were killed and injured. This terrorism had been especially outrageous one Saturday afternoon. Bombs had caused damage in several areas, and members of the I.R.A. crossing to England among a crowd bound for London to see an international football match, had attempted to set fire to the ship.

Late that afternoon, I was walking down Edgware Road. At a street corner a large crowd was collected around an open lorry, which was serving as an improvised rostrum. Half a dozen youths stood beside the speaker and held up a big flag—the colours of the Irish rebels. The speaker was shouting in an excited voice, hurling fierce invective against England and the British Government.

Many of his listeners were on their way back from an afternoon in the West End and had seen all the broken glass, the damaged shop windows and the ambulances carrying off the injured. And yet they listened attentively to the speaker without showing any resentment, or making the least attempt to demonstrate against the youths who undoubtedly sympathised with the terrorists.

Nor did the police interfere. They too heard every word uttered from the platform by various speakers.

If, as would have happened in any other country, a forcible attempt had been made to silence the speaker, the police would have intervened at once, but in defence of the Irishmen, in defence of freedom of speech.

Freedom In War

Has the war affected this open-minded, democratic attitude? Not in the least, so far as concerns the individual's right to express his opinion, to stand up for his be-

liefs, to criticise, and to exercise his traditional liberties. In wartime, of course, even Britain has to ensure that through the Press, public speeches and other channels no information shall reach the enemy, which might prejudice military operations or betray vital secrets.

Nor can the Government allow enemy agents, under the plea of "democracy", to carry on mali-

By
Eugene Lennhoff
noted Swiss journalist, now living in London.

icious, defeatist propaganda or suffer members of the "Fifth Column" to do the enemy's spade-work.

Except, however, for this obvious restriction, Britain still enjoys complete freedom of opinion, of speech, and of the printed word. There is no such thing as a controlled press and no office or department of the Ministry of Information to prescribe to newspapers the opinions they shall publish.

Sense And Censorship

There has been a censorship since the beginning of the war, but its activities are advisory and not repressive. It is concerned with news, not views, and it interferes in no way with the exercise of criticism in the widest sense.

Unlike other countries, Britain knows nothing of editorials and other articles, in which blank spaces represent the censor's mutilations. The practice is especially common in France, until her collapse—of ruthlessly cutting all opinions distasteful to the authorities, thereby making the pages of newspapers resemble a crossword puzzle, is inconceivable in England.

Not a single newspaper hesitates to criticise sharply, and as often as it sees fit, government action, military operations, or industrial measures.

The papers have not become colourless news-sheets, whose function is merely to reproduce official views and beat the patriotic drum.

On the contrary, they keep a

close watch on every phase of the war and on all ministerial orders, and they are outspoken in their opinion as to the wisdom of the government's policy.

They polemic as sharply as before the war, while cartoons—notably those of the inimitable Low—are not a whit milder or less caustic than in time of peace.

Patriotic Critics

It is true that press criticism in England does, for the most part, aim at being positive. It is not inspired by a mere wish to pillory the cabinet or individual ministers or government departments.

The men responsible for British press opinion are fully aware of their responsibility, and their criticism, blunt and unsparing though it may be, is intended as a contribution to the victory of Great Britain and the cause for which she is fighting.

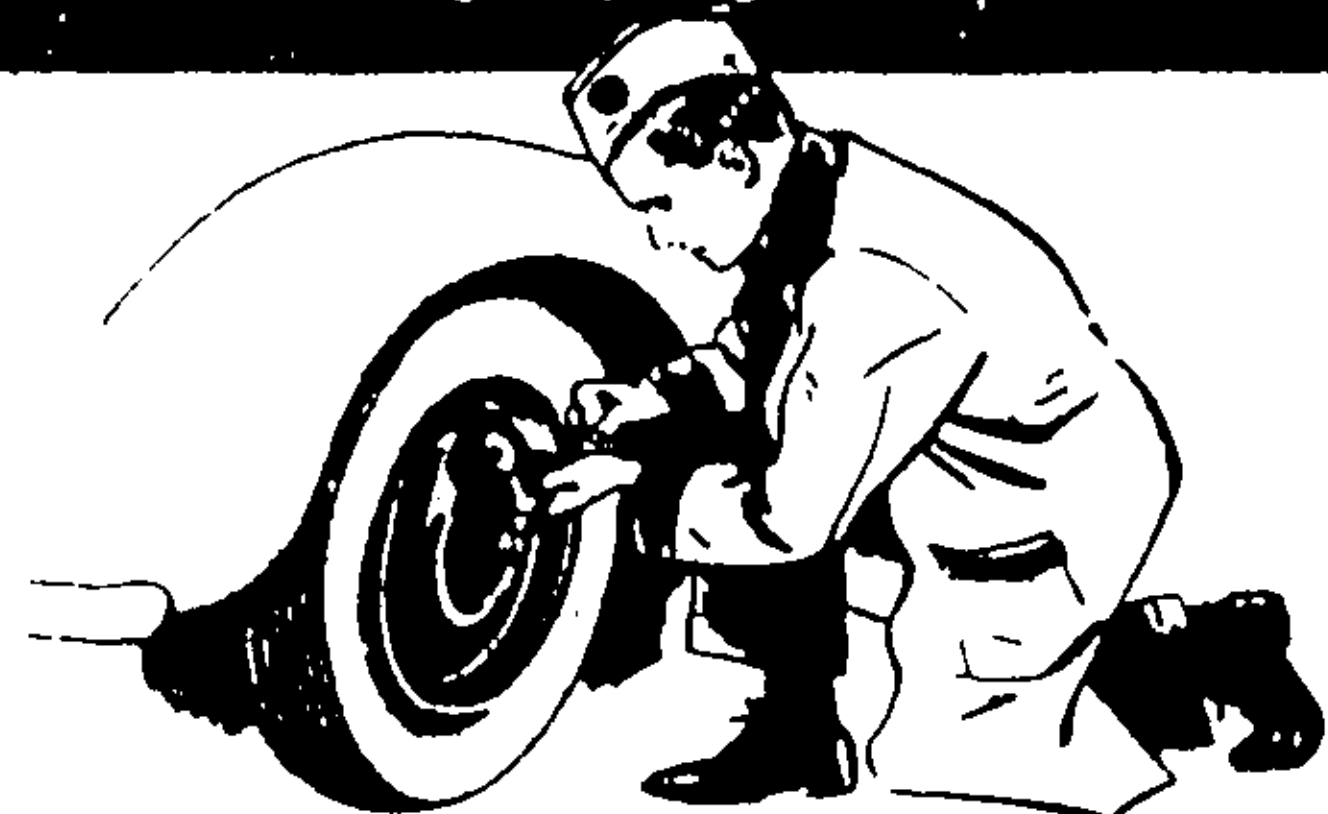
How far this sense of responsibility goes is best judged by the fact that articles striking a strongly critical note appear more and more over the signature of the writer.

It is extremely interesting to observe the reaction of public opinion to this unfettered exercise of freedom of the Press. The uncertainty, the nagging, the discontent and dangerous underground campaigning so general in countries with a controlled press, are altogether absent in wartime Britain. All the more so, because every individual who has a grievance or suggestions to make on a matter of public interest can give expression to his private opinion in one of those "Letters to the Editor" which play so large a part in the life of the British Press.

Just because it possesses freedom of opinion even in wartime and makes full use of it, the British Press has an extraordinary influence upon the morale of the nation.

The admirable spirit in which the people of Britain have stood up to the trials and distresses of German air bombardment is due in no small measure to the sense of security they derive from freedom of the press, to the knowledge that Britain is not only fighting for democratic ideals, but also upholding them through darkness and danger.

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Violent Attack In Central Zone Fails With Heavy Loss

A VIOLENT ITALIAN counter-attack which was launched yesterday on the Central front in Albania, ended in a disastrous Italian defeat, according to Athens radio last night.

The enemy threw many troops and a considerable number of tanks and armoured cars into the battle in an attempt to break through the Greek lines.

The Italians were pushed back behind their base lines and their losses in men and material were heavy.

Several tanks and four armoured cars were destroyed.

The Greek forces have established themselves firmly in new positions.

The radio announcer added that operations on the Albanian front yesterday were satisfactory in all areas.

On the mountain range beyond Klissoura, Greek forces are now consolidating their recent gains and organising new positions in view of the extensive operations which may be expected when the weather improves.

Greek artillery is active in the Northern sector but bad weather is hampering the Greek advance. In the coastal areas, some headway has been made. — Reuter.

H.Q. Communique

A G.H.Q. communique issued in Athens yesterday stated that there was limited activity of patrols and artillery.

An enemy tank attack was repulsed. Greece had another day free of raids, adds the Ministry for Public Security communique. — Reuter.

The Little Flower Club, King's Park, is giving an instrumental and vocal concert at the Club Hall on Wednesday next at 6 p.m. and Thursday evening at 9 p.m.

TOO BOLD APPRENTICE

Before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning, Yeung Lun-mun, 18, apprentice, was charged with driving motor-car, No. 1421, without a driving licence; and with driving in a dangerous manner in Fife Street yesterday.

Pleading guilty, accused was fined \$5 on the first charge and \$10 on the second. He was also ordered to pay \$10 compensation to a woman, who was injured as a result of defendant's driving.

Accused was instructed by his master to push the car into a garage; instead, he drove it away.

FRENCH EDITOR'S REPLY TO VICHY

M. Pierre Lazareff, the former editor of the "Paris Soir," one of the Frenchmen deprived of their citizenship in Vichy, told a New York reporter:—

"Those who reinstated Paul Ferdinand, the traitor of Stuttgart, as a French citizen, to-day deprive me of my citizenship. One action may be judged in the light of the other.

"I left France after the Armistice with a passport regularly stamped by the Ministry of the Interior, the Military Bureau and the police authorities. I left on the suggestion, and I would even say on the advice, of several Ministers in Marshal Petain's Cabinet."

BRITAIN EXTENDS WELCOME TO MR. WINANT

JOHN G. WINANT, whose nomination by President Roosevelt as U.S. Ambassador to Britain has been submitted to the Senate, will, if the nomination is approved, be welcomed in London both as a man with a wide liberal outlook on international affairs and as a loyal collaborator of the President.

As Director of the International Labour Office, Mr. Winant was in frequent and close contact with members of H.M. Government and important political figures in this country as a whole, and will be greeted, not as a stranger or even as a newcomer, but as an able man who has changed a very important task for one, in present circumstances, even more important—the task of interpreting U.S.A. to Britain and Britain to U.S.A.

The intimate knowledge he already has of British institutions and character and in particular of the whole background of Labour opinion, will be a valuable asset at a time when all sections of the British public are playing such a crucial role in the war and are anxious to leave the world in no doubt of their attitude to Hitler's "New Order."

If Mr. Winant succeeds in maintaining the knowledge in U.S.A. of the British attitude in this respect, so flagrantly misrepresented by German propaganda, this will be the first of the services

to a cause which it is not doubted he has at heart—U.S. and British mutual understanding and co-operation in securing the triumphant defeat of all the forces now menacing the two Democracies.—British Wireless.

N.E.I. DEFENCE PRECAUTIONS

The Netherlands East Indies have established an examination service at the following ports: Sabang, Pankansoesoe, Pakkalan, Brandan, Be'awan, Tanjongralai, Samboe, Bandoeng, Geban, Tandjong, Pinang, D'Jambi, Oosthaven, Emmahaven, Sentarang, Lalanget, Samarinda, Makassar and Manado.

The examination service is exercised from sunrise to sunset and Masters are advised to regulate the speed of their vessels so as to arrive at ports at daybreak.

MUNITIONS DUMP BLOWN UP

Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Albanian Frontier states that Greek long-range guns near Pogradetz blew up the Italian munition dump north-west of Lin on the shores of Lake Okhrida.—Reuter.

THE DAMAGE TO "ILLUSTRIOUS"

Col. Knox, the U.S. Secretary of Navy, revealed yesterday that H.M.S. Illustrious, after a direct hit by a 1,000-lb. bomb during the attack by dive-bombers in the Straits of Sicily, proceeded first to Malta and later to Alexandria under her own power.

The bomb that struck Illustrious killed about 80 men and destroyed 20 bombers, but it failed to affect the vessel's navigability.

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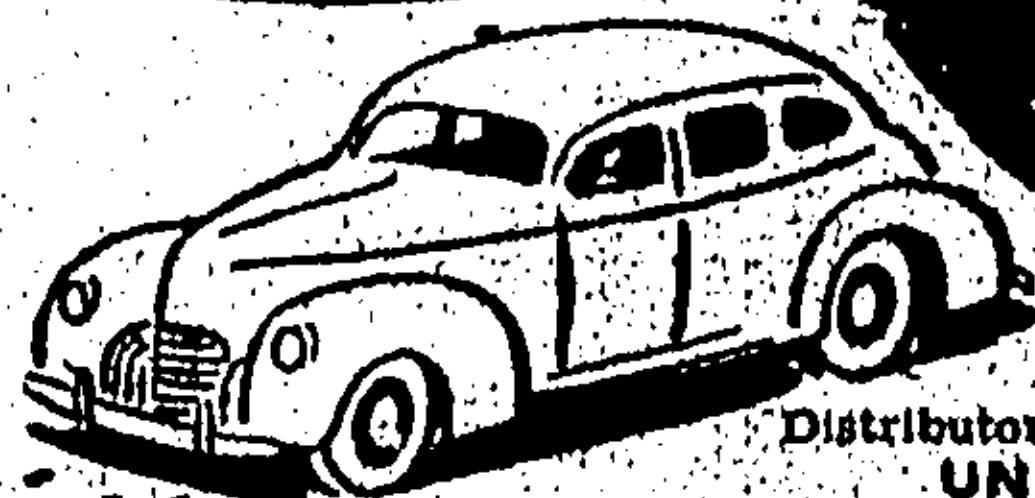
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I SPY WITH MY LITTLE CROSS EYE

THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS have come here in Canadian uniform, declared Mr. Robert Hutchison, President of the American Eagle Club speaking at an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon in London yesterday.

Mr. Hutchison thought that there were seven or eight thousand Americans in service in Britain.

JOHN WINANT APPOINTED

It is reported from Washington that Mr. John Winant has been nominated as United States Ambassador to London.

President Roosevelt is sending the nomination to the Senate this morning.

Mr. Winant, who came into prominence in 1934, when he was Chairman of a committee to inquire into the strike in the textile industry, has specialised in labour problems for many years.

He was appointed Assistant Director of the Industrial Labour Organisation at Geneva in 1935, but a few months later returned to America to become one of President Roosevelt's close collaborators in the administration of the New Deal, as Chairman of the Board to administer the social security programme.

Mr. Winant became Director of the Industrial Labour Organisation in 1938. After the collapse of France, he transferred the I.L.O. headquarters to McGill University in Montreal. — Reuter.

At the Marine Court this morning, Wong Tai was fined by Commander J. Jolly, Harbour Master, \$15 or two weeks for boarding the President Cleveland without permission.

PLANS FOR MODEL VILLAGE IN KWANGSI

PLANS FOR BUILDING a model village, to be administered on democratic lines, at Chiaoshan (Jay Mountain), about 4 miles north of Liuchow, in Kwangsi, have been drawn up by a group of prominent Kwangsi residents in Hong Kong.

The number of households has been tentatively fixed at between 50 to 100 of eight persons each.

The village will have self-government. There will be a Village Assembly, which will decide on important affairs, and a Village Guild will be the chief executive body.

There will be a police bureau, a school, a hospital, a library and other institutions for the public welfare. Public works and utilities such as highways, bridges, sewage systems, power and water plants, and communication facilities will be promoted and co-operation societies will be set up.

Only law-abiding Chinese will be allowed to settle in the village. Investors of H.K. \$10,000, \$6,000, \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,000 will be allotted 50, 30, 25, 20, and 15 mow of land respectively and provided with a house.

An official, in charge of the founding of the new village, has been set up in Hong Kong with Mr. Chang Chao-tang, manager of the Bank of Kwangsi, Hong Kong Branch, as director. Sponsors of the proposed village include Messrs. Chang Chao-tang, Chang Jen-min, Wang Shun-chi and Fang Chen-wu. — Central News.

Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Shipping, speaking at the same luncheon said: "I feel I may look forward with confidence to the day when I shall know of the speed and scale of American shipping assistance."

Mr. Cross recalled that recently he told American journalists that he cast a covetous eye on enemy ships tied up in ports in America.

He added: "The song and dance which then emanated from Berlin had for me a high entertainment value because of its bonus qualities."

"I would only say now that the ships are still there and that I still have an eye and I am still capable of that little spiritual delinquency to which I had already confessed." — Reuter.

S.M.C. ELECTION

The Shanghai Municipal Council has recommended to the Consular Body to hold the next municipal election on April 2 and 3 and the Shanghai Municipal ratepayers' annual meeting on April 16. Central News.

DUNKIRK MAN ON MURDER CHARGE

Leaving over his wife, whom, it was alleged, he had shot and bayoneted only a few minutes before, Clifford Holmes, 24, a driver in the Royal Engineers, took her hand and said: "Irene, speak to me, because I love you."

This was stated at Manchester Police Court when Holmes, who took part in the evacuation of Dunkirk, was committed for trial accused of murder.

Mr. West, prosecuting, said that last August Mrs. Holmes injured herself in jumping 13ft to escape from her husband, who seemed to have been obsessed by sexual depravity towards his wife and appeared to have been degenerating into a species of sexual maniac.

CANADIAN AIR LINER DISASTER

All nine passengers and three members of the crew were killed when a Trans-Canada Airlines' plane crashed near Armstrong, Manitoba, yesterday, it is learned in Winnipeg. — Reuter.

WOMEN ARE WORRIED LESS OVER HAIR

War has made women more reasonable over their hair-dressing — especially on those delicate occasions where the question of damaged hair arises.

The experts of the Hairdressers' Insurance Bureau, who specialise in dealing with customers' complaints on hair treatment, on behalf of hair-dressers in all parts of the country, find this war has had a mellowing influence.

As fewer women are having "fancy treatment," fewer lawsuits arise out of allegations about hair damage.

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Most hairdressers insure against damage to their clients' hair, because of the large number of actions which have in the past been taken against them.

An official of the Bureau told a reporter:—

"It is estimated that 1 per cent. of women who take elaborate hair treatment claim damages against their hair-dressers."

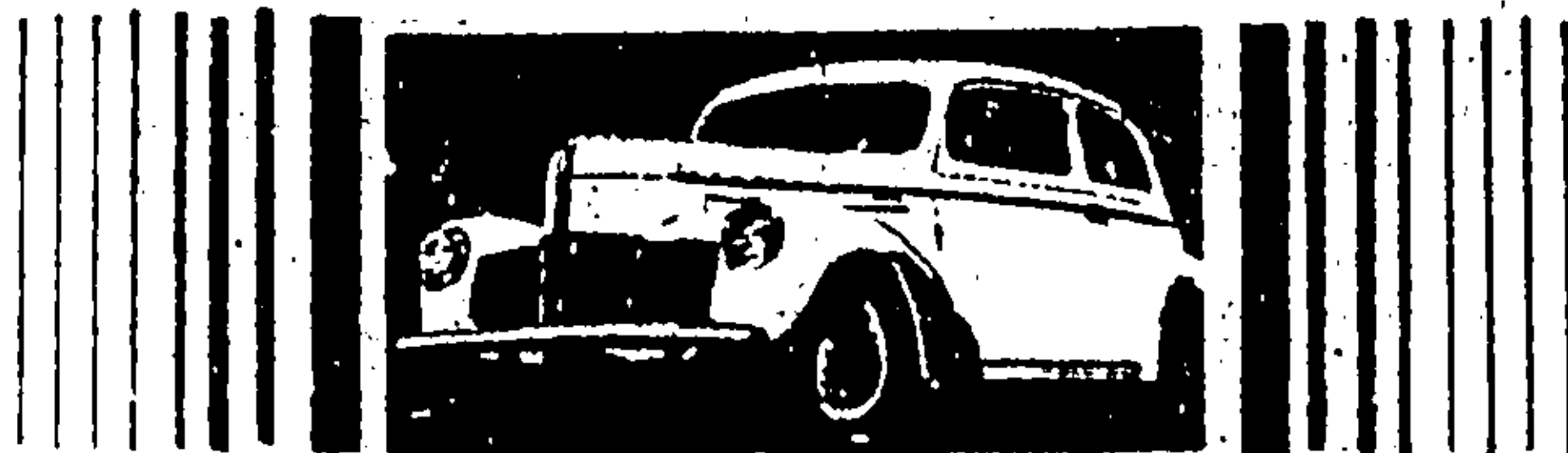
"But they are now settling these claims more amicably."

"In the case where women's jobs depend on their appearance — such as barmaids and receptionists — hair damage is really serious and might mean the loss of their jobs."

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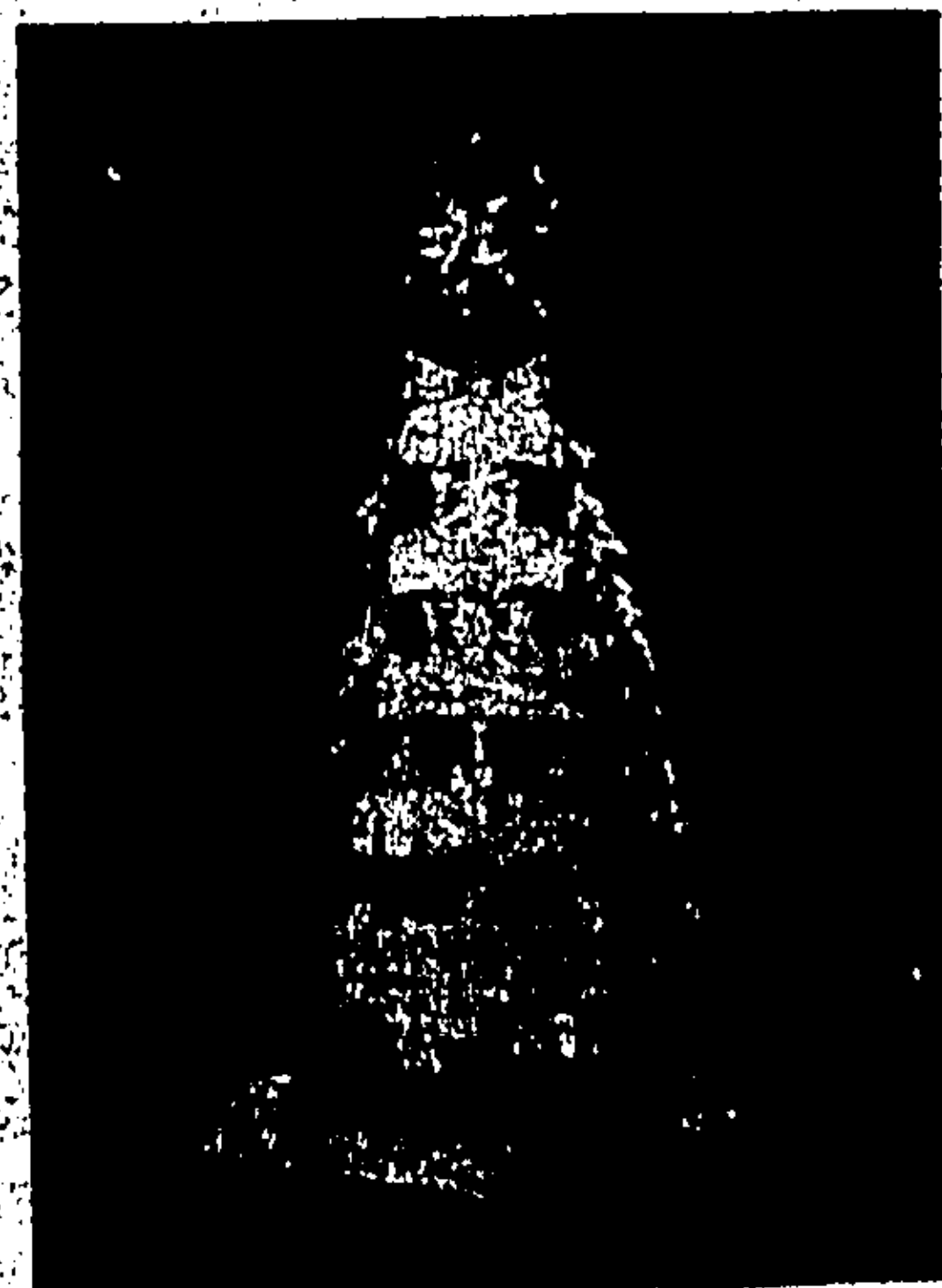
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By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 29

By The Four Aces

Crime and criminal should be easy to spot in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ A K 10
♥ A Q J 10 5
♦ 8
♣ A Q 10 4
♠ 5 2
♥ 6
♦ K Q 10 5
♣ 9 8 5 2
N
W
E
S
♠ 6 4
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ 2
♣ 9 6 3
♠ Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A J 7
♣ 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of diamonds, South winning with the Ace. South ruffed the low diamond with dummy's spade King, returned to his hand by overtaking the spade ten, and ruffed the diamond Jack with dummy's Ace of trumps. Next he laid down the heart Ace and continued with the heart Queen. East ducked, and West ruffed. West then returned a club, and South lost the finesse and the slam together.

Some one committed a Bridge Crime. See if you can tell what it was and who did it before you read any more.

South was the criminal, and his crime was in ruffing his diamonds! There was no need to ruff them when they could so easily be discarded on established hearts; and, particularly, there was no hurry about ruffing them. After winning the first trick with the Ace of diamonds, correct play is to draw two rounds of trumps. Then the heart finesse is taken. Even though it loses, South can still discard a club and a diamond on dummy's heart honours; and the last diamond can be ruffed in dummy at South's leisure.

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Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 7
♥ A Q J 8 5 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	Partner	East	Schenker
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You have a good suit and can afford to play for eight tricks at hearts even if your partner has only a singleton heart. There is no reason to jump, since partner's bidding is weak; and to show the diamonds at this point is poor policy.

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Question No. 633

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Partner	East	Schenker
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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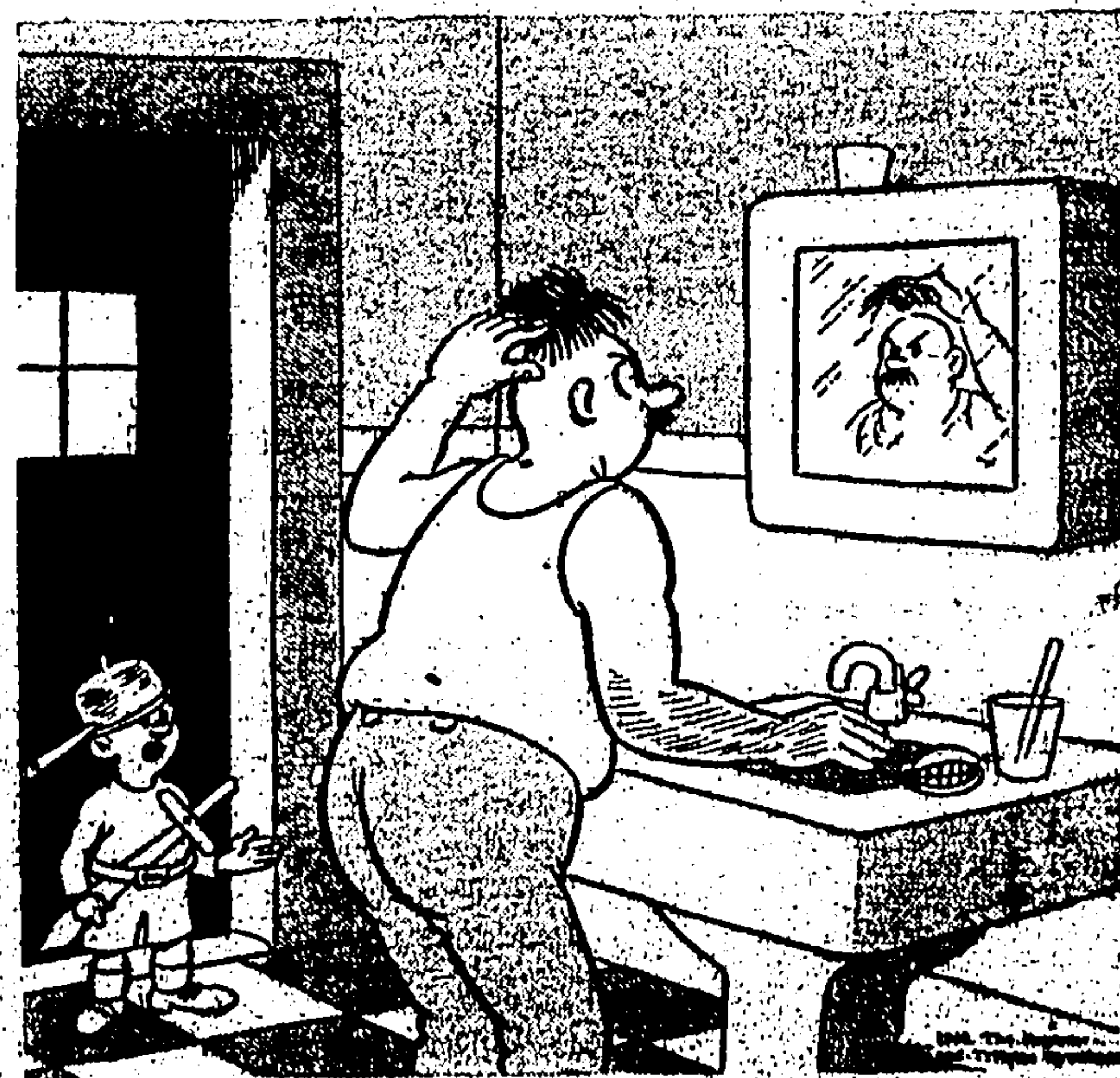
"The quarters of one unit were completely wrecked, but the cadets did not miss a single drill," an official of the League said.

Several lads had their homes destroyed, too, but they turned up on parade in borrowed uniforms. One cadet had his arm in a sling, and was suffering from severe head injuries as a result of the bombing.

The officer in charge of a London unit reported that in spite of almost incessant enemy action — which resulted in two of the cadets being killed through bombing, and in twenty-three having to be evacuated owing to the destruction of their homes — the remainder were carrying on with training.

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By ED REED



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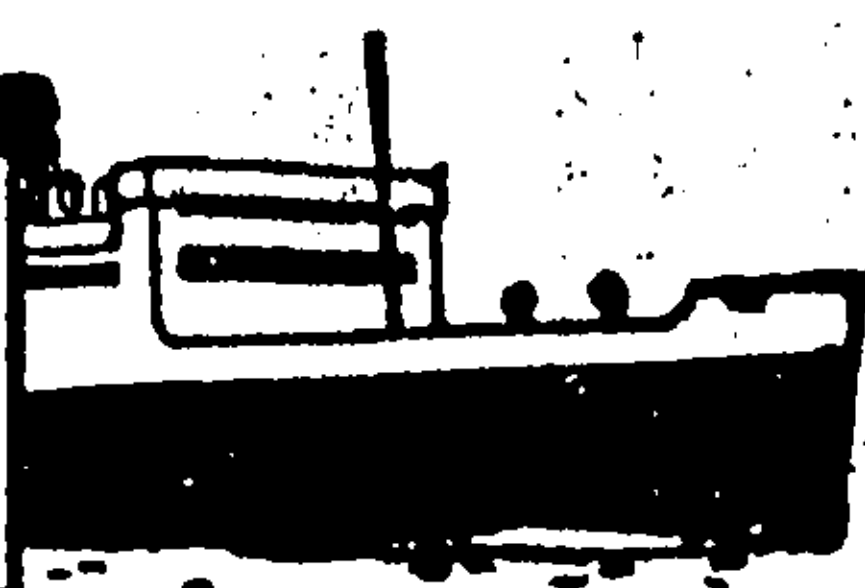
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Prairie View Outstanding Entry For Austral Derby

Outstanding Griffins And Subs. Discussed

By "Rapier"

HAVING GIVEN MY VIEWS ON THE NEW CHINA GRIFFINS IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES, I WILL NOW DEAL WITH THE TWO CLASSES OF THESE PONIES WILL FIGURE IN THE ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL WHICH STARTS ON SATURDAY WEEK, SUBS, AND THE GRIFFINS, THE LATTER BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

In view of the large number subscribed for this year, I will confine my remarks firstly on the Australian subscription griffins and then the griffins.

After having watched the new ponies in training for some time, it is now possible to pick out the more prominent of the entries for the Rooty-Hill Derby, which, although not attracting as much attention as the Hong Kong Derby, is nevertheless considered by owners an exceptionally good race to win.

This event has attracted 66 entries out of a consignment of 113 ponies. For some weeks past, and during the remaining days prior to the commencement of actual racing, the burning topic of conversation has been, and will continue to be—who will win the 1941 Rooty-Hill Derby?

I don't think I am far wrong in stating that Endeavour, belonging to Mrs. Chuong He-yen, is, at the moment, the favourite. This pony has invariably done well in training and after watching its recent gallop over the Derby Distance, with Mr. Peter Wei up, against Iron Belle (riding boy), a griffin, when it clocked 3.01.1, with a last quarter of 27.4 apparently without effort, I am confident that it will be hard to beat providing its further training does not suffer any setback.

Endeavour will in all probability give its owner the privilege of being the first lady to win this important race since its inauguration.

Sydney Diamond, belonging to Diamonds, has also been freely mentioned as a likely winner of the Rooty-Hill Derby. Good as this pony is, however, I doubt its ability to beat Endeavour over this distance.

A Good Bet

In my opinion, Santa-Anita, belonging to Mr. Chiu Ki-fan, comes next to Endeavour. After its convincing gallop recently over the Champions distance in 2.26.3, with a last quarter of 29.3, this pony has come in for a good deal of attention, and for those who make it a practice of looking for outsiders, this pony should be kept in mind. It will be ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang. Mr. Necan has a fine looking pony in United Express but it appears to me to lack the strength for a race as gruelling as this. It is definitely good, however, and should account for some of the



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Araxy II, belonging to Mr. T. M. Gregory, showed excellent form when it completed 1½ miles in 3.06.4, a creditable performance. I hardly believe it to be good enough for the above ponies, however, although it might account for some of the less important events.

Vitamin M is another pony which has a strong following. It is in the pink of condition at the moment and it will not surprise if it places.

Mr. Black Must Be Reckoned With

Castle Hill may not be up to the standard of the ponies mentioned above but Mr. Black will be on top and one cannot, at this stage, tell what this combination will do, while Strathalbyn, belonging to Mr. J. F. MacGregor, is more of a sprinter than a stayer and in my estimation is not good enough over this distance to do very much.

Bendemeer, owned by Mr. P. M. Hoo, is certainly good to look at; it has the appearance of a speedster and I was favourably impressed with one of its recent runs with its owner up. This pony should be kept in mind for sprint events even if only an also ran in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

Messrs. Shields and Stanton own Manhattan, which, quite sturdily built, has potentialities, and Black Seal, belonging to C. H., proved itself a stayer when it did 1½ miles in 3.17, with 29.2 for the last quarter during a recent trial run, and should be a dangerous contender for this event if given a good jockey.

The ponies I have mentioned are undoubtedly the best of the current year's subs, and I think the Rooty-Hill Derby winner will be among them, with Endeavour, Sydney Diamond and Santa-Anita having the best chances.

GRIFFINS

As far as the Australian Griffins are concerned, main interest will be centred round the classic event, the Austral Derby, which will be run on February 17. The new arrivals have done some fast work during recent weeks, and while it is no easy matter at this stage to spot the likely winner, I do not think I will be far wrong in naming Prairie View, belonging to Mr. Li Lan-sang, as the pony most likely to succeed.

Powerfully built, it has proved itself a stayer—it recently did the mile in 2.00 with a last quarter of 28.1 without being fully extended—and it should command most attention.

Mr. Li has also entered three other ponies, Distant View, Misty View and Mountain View, but Prairie View is better over long distance races, although Distant View should prove a worthy understudy.

Marsh Warbler Next Best

Next pony of importance is Marsh Warbler, owned by Pearstur. This good looking chestnut,



I understand, will be under the control of Mr. Donald Black, our champion jockey. It was recently taken out by him for a 1¼ miles gallop, which it covered in 2.32 with a last quarter of 27.1. It should certainly prove dangerous over the Derby distance.

Mr. Gredmaka has two worthy representatives in this event, either of which will have to be reckoned with; both are good long distance ponies, although I like Colooma better than Canberra.

Mr. Eu Tong-sen will be represented by three ponies, Fleetwing, Gay Fox and Gloaming, and although he has not to date met with any success in classic events with this class of pony, on this occasion he will no doubt expect much of Gloaming for which he paid \$8,100, the biggest price fetched by any animal at the auction.

At the present stage it is doubtful whether this pony will be good enough to win the Derby. Its movement at the moment is not too impressive, but another week or more of hard training may make a lot of difference.

King's Welcome Worth Watching

Mr. Dynasty has King's Welcome to represent him in this race; this pony gave a glimpse of its prowess over this distance last month, when it clocked 3.05.4,

FOOTBALL MATCHES POSTPONED

Owing to Volunteer Camp and military exercises the following First Division Football games for this week-end have been postponed:—
Club v Middlesex
Police v Royal Scots.

with a last quarter of 27.4, and so it will not surprise if it walks away with the race, especially as Mr. V. V. Needa will be on top.

Vis Major, belonging to Messrs. Lee Bros., is another pony to be borne in mind although it has not as yet done anything that might cause it to be classed with the others. It may turn out to be a "Dark Horse" in this race, but in any event take note of it for other events even if it fails here.

Mr. M. Sokoloff, the veteran jockey, has been specially brought down to ride this pony.

First Love, owned by P. & L., has not been much in the limelight but I believe it to be good enough to extend the others over this distance.

I have been given to understand that it gave a good account of itself over 1½ miles at 11.00 o'clock one morning last month in a trial gallop with its stable companion Tropical Love, which it beat in an effortless manner.

Shanghai Jockeys

Mr. Noodt and Mr. Sokoloff have now arrived from the North to take part in the forthcoming carnival.

Mr. Noodt is a newcomer to the Colony and will be riding first string for Mr. Eric Moller in the place of Mr. R. B. "Boojie" Moller, who I understand will not be riding this year.

Mr. Sokoloff, who was here many years ago, will, as already mentioned, ride for Mr. S. W. Lee's stable.

Mr. Ho'den has been booked by Mr. Li Po-chun, and is expected to arrive in a few days.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:—

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	R. B. Ball, F. D. Hunter.
9.20 ..	A. K. Mackenzie, D. S. Robb.
9.24 ..	F. Groves, Col. Rose.
9.28 ..	W. Park, J. C. Kyle.
9.32 ..	S. H. Dodwell, I. H. Geare.
9.36 ..	R. Young, I. W. Shewan.
9.40 ..	H. W. Beasley, J. W. Anderson.
9.44 ..	N. D. Lloyd, S. L. Lloyd.
9.52 ..	T. E. and T. A. Pearce.
9.56 ..	R. D. Walker, A. W. Bourne.
10.00 ..	C. B. Burgess, J. A. Ritchie.
10.04 ..	F. A. Redmond, T. Megarry.
10.08 ..	J. D. Thomson, W. Stoker.
10.12 ..	J. M. Thomson, R. G. Parker.
10.16 ..	A. J. Dennis, E. G. Price.
10.20 ..	C. M. Williams, F. A. Howard.
10.24 ..	J. Hackney, M. G. Carruthers.
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10.32 ..	R. K. M. Simpson, R. H. Challinor.
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10.48 ..	J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
10.52 ..	W. Sharp, T. Low.
10.56 ..	J. Linaker, Col. Matthews.
11.00 ..	Col. Macpherson, Capt. Forrester.
New Courses	
9.24 a.m.	W. H. E. Thomas, J. C. Taylor.
9.32 ..	L. M. S. Lloyd, D. C. Longcraine.
9.40 ..	A. H. Guinness, G. G. Atkinsonhead.
9.48 ..	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.12 ..	J. L. C. Pearce, Capt. St. John.
10.16 ..	F. A. M. Elliott, Capt. Thursby.
10.24 ..	Miss Smalley, Miss Armstrong.
10.28 ..	E. L. Groome, J. R. Way.
10.36 ..	J. F. Robinson, L. A. Calcraft.
10.44 ..	Col. Shackleton, Major Curran.

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"A" Division

	P.	L.	W.
K. W. Cheu and C. K. Lee (University "A")	9	0	9
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio)	9	5	4
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	9	6	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amptavanar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1	2
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	9	7	2
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	9	7	2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	15	1	14
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	15	2	13
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	12	0	12
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	9	0	9
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	12	5	7
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	15	8	7
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0	6
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	9	3	6
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	9	3	6
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	12	6	6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	9	4	5
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	12	7	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	9	2	4
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	12	8	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	3	0	3
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	3
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Goiano (Recreio)	3	0	3
E. Zimmern and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3	3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3	1	2
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	2
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
A. Bagio and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	9	7	2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	1
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	1
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
A. R. Pollak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. Pollak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
F. Castro and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	9	8	1
J. MacDonald and H. Dingdale (Police)	9	8	1
(J.R.C.)	6	5	1

BADMINTON NOTES

KING'S AND K.C.C. IN GOOD POSITION IN "B" DIVISION

By "Adrem"

LEAGUE BADMINTON in the course of the week provided little of interest, only fact of note being another win for University "A" over Chinese Y.M.C.A. in "A" Division.

University "A" have now won all their three matches, giving them six points as against the two points scored by their "B" team in two matches, which makes the latter the next best on the list.

Two new players were introduced to the team, M. P. and Y. P. Young, who did very well recently for the "B" team, and this pair were the only combination to drop a game, Au and Patrick Wong being the successful Y.M.C.A. pair.

Junior matches on Wednesday were all one-sided and the leaders of the respective sections, King's College and Kowloon Cricket Club, both consolidated their positions at the expense of weaker teams, and are the only clubs in the division to be still unbeaten.

K.C.C.'s Task

Whereas King's should manage to win their section, however, I think that K.C.C. will have a much rougher passage as I cannot see them repeating their victory over St. John's. Much depends on naval duties and Lieut. Eardley's inclusion in the St. John's side may make all the difference between K.C.C. winning or just losing the sectional championship.

Kowloon Tong, after starting off the season with a big flourish, go from bad to worse although it must be said in their favour that they have been exceptionally unfortunate in the matter of injuries and other misfortunes.

Frank Kwok has been unable to play for some time and although Peter Fletcher revealed that he is still a force to be reckoned with in helping Richard Lee to win two games, the other pairs were much too weak to make any sort of a challenge to the home team.

With only S. A. Rumjahn and D. M. Xavier offering any real resistance, King's had an easy match against Victoria Recreation Club and won 7-2. K. J. Attwell made his first appearance for the College team for some time and, with S. P. Chan, did well to win three games.

Kowloon Cricket Club lost only one game to Police, Gillies and Gordon being responsible for the

only success registered by the home team, when they beat J. L. Anderson and Jones.

It is a strange fact that the latter pair, although they have played together throughout the season, appear to be the weak link in the K.C.C. team notwithstanding the fact that the third pair has rarely been the same. Zimmern and Hazell did very well in their first outing together to go through the evening without a defeat.

INTERPORT HOCKEY PROBABLES

A Probable Interport Hockey eleven will meet the Combined Indian Military team at 3 p.m. to-morrow afternoon on the Navy ground, by kind permission of the Commodore, in a practice match. The following are requested to turn out:

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (Club) and J. R. Gonsalves (Recreio); R. Marques (Recreio); W. A. Reed (Club) and N. B. Whitley (Club); 2/Lieut. N. S. Cole (Rajput Regt.); T. S. D. Whitley (Club); Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa); E. Fowler (C.B.A.) and W. Brown (Police).

Reserves.—A. E. P. Guest (Khalsa); A. M. Alves (Recreio); D. T. Smith (C.B.A.) and W. Parker (Police).

COLONY CHESS

D. E. de Carvalho drew with E. Zimmern in the only match to be completed in Round 2 of the Colony Open Chess Championship played at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

The game between C. M. Sequerra and L. Karpovich was adjourned about 8.30 p.m. The game between G. S. Coxhead and K. Weiss was postponed to Saturday.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

Owing to pressure on space Army Sportlight has been held over and will appear to-morrow.

10 Y.M.C.A. PLAYERS BEAT SIGNALS

By "Sportshawk"

In a scrappy friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday, Y.M.C.A., who were one player short throughout, defeated Signals by 3 goals to 1, after both sides had scored once in the first half.

Whitburn, who was seen at left-back for Y.M.C.A. yesterday, came here with a big reputation but was a total disappointment. He showed neither stick-work nor combination, although his not being accustomed to local conditions and lack of practice, might have been responsible.

The game produced very little of interest and only a few players caught the eye.

Outstanding were Hitchcock and Spencelayh for the winners, and Wright and Gorman for the losers.

Ure scored the opening goal for Y.M.C.A. and Wright netted the equaliser for the soldiers, while, on the resumption, Hitchcock registered two quick goals to decide the final issue in favour of Y.M.C.A.

Y.M.C.A.—Shields: Turner and Whitburn; Smits, Gilchrist and Banks; Macev, Spencelayh, Hitchcock and Ure.

SIGNALS.—Clegggett; Shepherd and Wathen; Rumford, Gorman and Hothead; Wilkins, Roelick, Coombe, Wright and Cogbill.

WEEK-END CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent Craigengower in a Second Division League Cricket match to-morrow against Recreio at Happy Valley:

A. M. Omar (Capt.), U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling and W. K. Way.

The following will represent Craigengower Seniors in a friendly Cricket match to-morrow against Army at Sookunpoo:

E. Zimmern (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, G. Souza, J. L. Young Saye, A. N. Other and A. N. Other.

H.K.C.C.

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club against Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly junior Cricket match to-morrow at Chater Road:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), N. D. Booker, J. C. Brown, G. J. P. Carey, W. G. Finnie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Patterson, E. W. Pudney, D. S. Robb, C. M. Stark and W. Stoker.

K. C. C.

The following cricket teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club over the week-end:

First Eleven (v University at K.C.C.)—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, D. Hung, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, N. A. E. Mackay, R. Leigh and F. Crabb.

Second Eleven (v H.K.C.C. at Chater Road)—S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madgar, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, F. Goodwin, G. E. Taylor, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch and J. R. Luke. Umpire W. W. Parsons; Scorer J. W. Bertram.

Sunday's Matches

On Sunday an "A" team will play Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo in a match starting at 11 a.m. K.C.C. will be represented by:—S. A. Gray (capt.), E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, W. L. Rapley, H. Brokenshire, L. R. Burch, R. J. Fenton, R. Leigh, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. Perry, and A. Zimmern. Twelfth Man D. J. N. Anderson. Umpire W. W. Parsons; Scorer J. W. Bertram.

The following will represent China Light and Power Co., Ltd. in a friendly Cricket match against Recreio on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. on the latter's pitch:

A. B. Clemo, C. F. Wood, A. C. Tinson, Walter, J. Brown, J. W. Bertram, W. Tillery, P. M. N. da Silva Jr., F. J. Lay, M. A. Remedios, A. E. Noronha, and P. d'Almeida.

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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

The first round of the Senior Shield football competition was featured by a gigantic struggle between Sing Tao and Middlesex in which the latter were decidedly unfortunate in losing by the only goal scored by Kwok Ying-kee early in the game.

As in their first meeting in the League at Sookunpoo Middlesex had most of the game and only rank bad shooting and out-of-luck prevented them from at least drawing.

Chung Wing-chou was the Chinese hero and some of the saves he brought off were well high miraculous.

He substantiated a remark made some time ago by a ardent follower of the game that he was worth three men in the defence.

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Royal Artillery made an auspicious debut in the Senior Shield competition and gave a much better display than was generally expected. Combination was lacking but the Gunners gave evidence that with proper coaching and training they would do well against most teams in the Senior Division.

Artillery were without the services of several good players who belonged to Batteries still interested in the Junior competition and with their inclusion Gunners might have done better still.

A well-chosen Combined Royal Artillery team would be a drawing card against a Chinese team for a match in aid of Charity or the "South China Morning Post Bomber Fund."

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Royal Engineers, undated team of Second Division, must feel their Shield defeat at the hands of 36th Royal Artillery very much. This was one of the games they could not afford to lose; a couple of dropped points in the League would not have mattered so much.

36th Royal Artillery are only a Third Division team though they did apply to play in Second Division at the beginning of the season. They did not allow Sappers to play their usual game and this was a contributing factor to their win. Added to this Sappers missed the services of Palmer at back as neither Chung Ying-kuen nor Tsang Yung-pak had the physical attributes necessary against the Gunners.

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30th Royal Artillery, holders of the Junior Shield, lived to fight another day against Signals, another Third Division team, when they shared four goals on Saturday. Gunners have much to thank Guy, in the pivotal position, for. In the closing stages of extra time Gunners came near scoring but were prevented by the sterling work of the Signals defence.

Another Third Division team to cause a surprise was International, who accounted for Kwong Wah Juniors by 4 goals to 1. Elms, former St. Joseph's player, turned out for International.

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A meeting of the League Management Committee will be held to-night to decide the dates of the Final of either the Lai Wah cup Competition or the Final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition.

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Macao are visiting the Colony on Tuesday and Eastern have obtained the necessary permission to play them on that day.

Lee Ting-sang, the Sing Tao full-back, who broke his arm about 10 days ago, is now able to manipulate his fingers and whistles away his time playing mah jong.

In spite of the numerous postponements during the season there are very few outstanding in Second and Third Divisions.

There are, however, a number of postponed games in First Division and most of these will be rearranged at the end of the month.

After unanimously agreeing on the interpretation of the "Charging Rule" and obtaining the concurrence of the Football Association, the Referees' Association are now divided in their opinions.

The matter was again discussed at great length at the monthly meeting of referees last Tuesday and it has been proposed to ob-

Bowling Alley Jottings

By "Striké"

Two matches were played on Friday, in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition.

The first was between L/Cpl. Wilkins of the Royal Corps of Signals and Sgt. Doyle of Royal Artillery.

Wilkins' handicap was plus 30 and Doyle's plus 40, and Wilkins won by 45 pins, the scores being:

Wilkins 481 and Doyle 436.

Wilkins was expected to win, but he might have done even better had he not made the poor score of 136 in his second game.

Doyle did not appear to be as comfortable as usual, although an average of 145 with handicap, was quite fair bowling. He also had some bad luck in his last game, which resulted in him making only 120 pins.

The other match played on Friday was between S. A. Ismail and L/Sgt. Nunn of Royal Engineers.

Ismail's Easy Win

Ismail's handicap was plus 25 and Nunn's plus 55, and the former won comfortably by 68 pins.

The scores were:—

Ismail 501 and Nunn 433.

Feature of this game was the remarkable consistency of Ismail, his lowest score being 165 and his highest 168.

tain a ruling from Home on this point.

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It is understood that there will be no change, if possible in the Civilian, Scotland and England teams for the Finals of the respective competitions.

There might have been a different tale to tell had Nunn not made a bad 100 in his second game. As it was he managed to average almost 145 pins, including his handicap, but his inconsistency has always been a source of wonder to me. He made scores of 158 and 145 and then dropped down to a mere 100.

Watts' Good Win

Another good match was played on February 1, between Cpl. Watts and Signalmen J. McLaren, both of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Watts' handicap was plus 20 and McLaren's plus 43, Watts therefore conceding 23 pins per game, undoubtedly a formidable handicap.

However, Watts managed to win, despite his handicap, by 52 pins, the scores being:—

Watts 531 and McLaren 479.

The Mighty Fallen

On Tuesday Cpl. Blount of Royal Corps of Signals, who is without doubt one of the best bowlers in the Alleys, was defeated by Master Gunner Cooper of Royal Artillery, in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition.

Blount's handicap was plus 17 and Cooper's plus 43.

Cooper won very convincingly by no fewer than 65 pins, the scores being:—

Cooper 540 and Blount 475.

It can therefore be seen that Cooper almost held his own without the advantage of the high handicap, another spare for Cooper, and he would have beaten Blount level. He would also have

accomplished this feat, had he not put up a mediocre score in his second game—he only registered 139—while he made a good 174 in his first game and 151 in his third game. As it was his average, including his handicap, worked out at 180 pins per game.

It is beyond my comprehension why Blount bowled so badly. He was completely off form. I do not remember him putting up a 139 in any previous match. This score he made in his first game, with 157 in his second. His usual score is usually between 190 or 200 per game. He certainly had a bad match.

Close Finish

There was an extraordinary close finish to the match between Jackie Odell and M. el Arculli played on Wednesday, the occasion being another match in the Singles Handicap Competition. Odell just managing to scrape home by six pins.

Odell's handicap was plus 33 and Arculli's plus 43.

The scores were:—

J. H. Odell 458 and M. el Arculli 452.

It certainly looked any odds on Arculli winning because he was well ahead with a 60-pins lead at the end of the second game, but Odell came up on his third game with a good 197 pins, while Arculli dropped down to 121 pins. Actually Odell pulled up on his last game by 66 pins to win by 6—a spare for Arculli would have given him the match.

Devlin's Fine Effort

Signalmen W. Devlin of Royal Corps of Signals has been playing

good steady Ten Pin Bowls in the Alleys lately, but he was inspired on Wednesday, when he compiled a brilliant 235 pins score, the record in the Alley for this month to date.

His effort was made up with six strikes in a row, a spare on his seventh frame, a strike on his eighth frame, a nine on his ninth frame, a strike on his 10th frame, and an eight with the two extra balls, really good going.

In the course of the same evening he had four good scores in succession, 179, 203, 235, and 198, a total of 815 pins or an average of 204 pins per game, so there is nothing wrong with this player's bowling.

The records for the month of January, were as follows:—

TEN PINS

Ladies:—Miss Nancy Ng 174

Men's:—Corp. H. Elount 246

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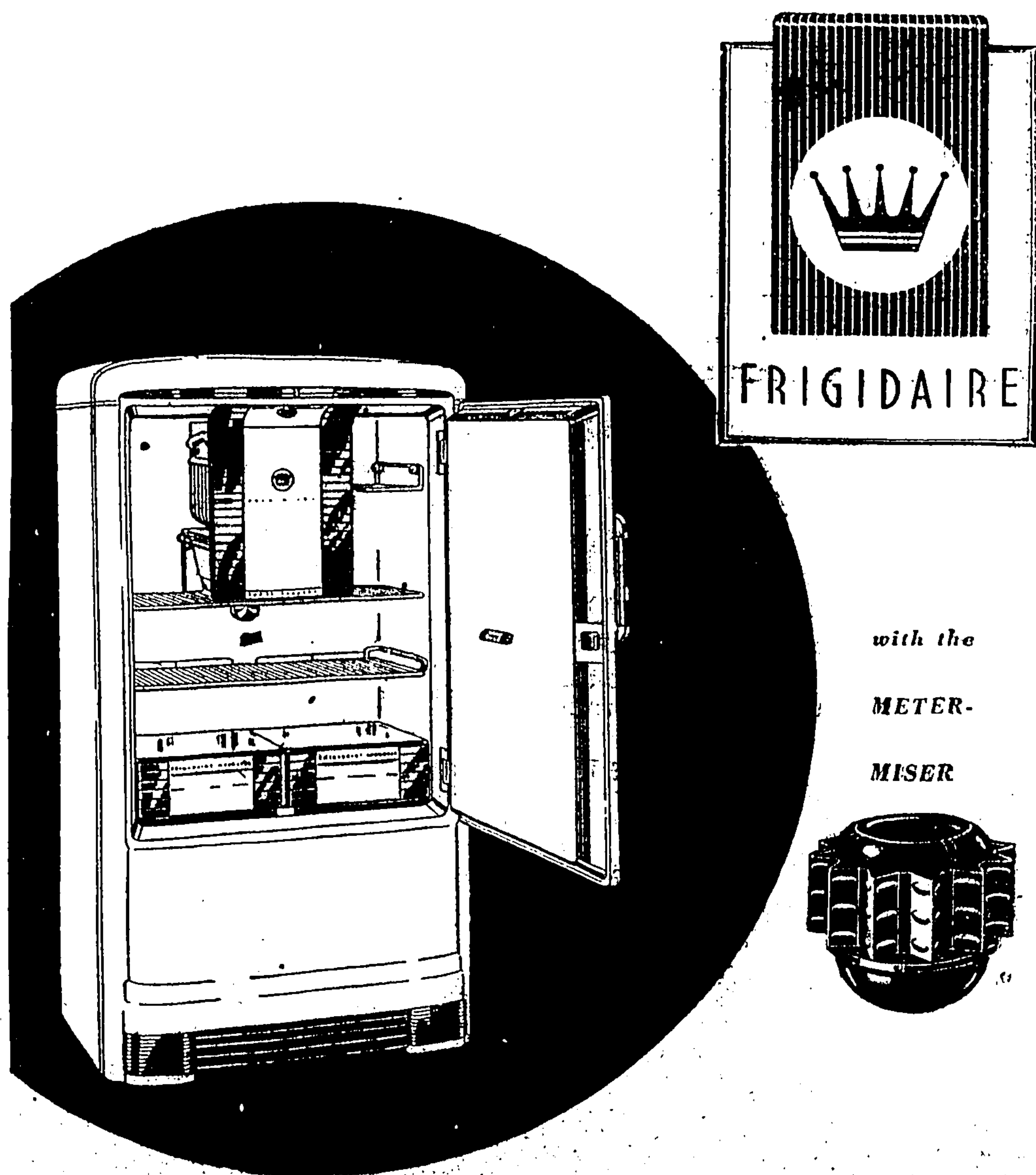
Ladies:—Miss Nancy Ng 101

Men's:—H. P. Neale 161

COMBINED SERVICES RUGBY XV

Following have been selected to represent Combined Services against Combined Volunteers on Saturday, at Sookunpoo.

Honeywill (Navy); Bowden (Navy), Douglas (Army), Coombes (Army), and Richards (Army); Carter (Navy), and Morgan (Army); Sutherland (Army), Ford (Army), Mansfield (Air Force), C. P. O. W. King (Navy), Millan (Army), Heath (Army), Bompas (Army), and Page (Army).



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NORWEGIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Many Norwegians have been sentenced to death by the German Military Tribunal at Bergen, according to the Norwegian Telegraph Agency in London.

They were charged with transmitting information about German armed forces on a secret wireless set. —Reuter.

DR. CURRIE FLIES TO CHUNGKING

Dr. Lauchlin Currie, Administrative Assistant of President Roosevelt, boarded a plane for Chungking at 3.30 a.m. to-day.

Dr. Currie was accompanied by Dr. Ho-Jing-tong, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's personal representative, and Mr. Emile Despres, Research Economist.

Mr. Currie arrived in Chungking at 9 o'clock this morning, according to information from the C.N.A.C. Hong Kong office. —Central News.

LAND INVESTMENT DIVIDEND

At a Board Meeting of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., held this morning, the Directors decided to recommend a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share for the year ended 31st December, 1940, making, together with the Interim

Backing Up Five-Front Advance

A HEAVY ATTACK on the Maritza aerodrome in Rhodes, which is the chief island of the Italian Dodecanese group, marked an extension of the activities of the R.A.F. Middle-East Command on Tuesday night.

The aerodrome was bombed and machine-gunned and several fires started.

The advance of British troops in the five-front advance in Africa was again fully supported by air activity.

Yesterday's R.A.F. communique records that there was renewed bombing of Italian aerodromes in Libya during Tuesday night, including the aerodromes at Benina, near Benghazi, and Berka, as well as the railway station at Barce.

In Italian East Africa, the British army was supported by the R.A.F. on the various fronts round Barentu. Two further Italian fighters were captured and one shot down.

Dive-Bombing

At Keren, dive-bombing attacks were made on gun positions in the hills and on the road east of the town.

At Negasi, bombs were dropped on motor-transport with considerable effect while at Dessie, several fires were caused among buildings and motor-transport vehicles. —Reuter.

Big Fires Started

The communique states: "During the night of February 4/5, bomber aircraft raided Benina aerodrome and Berka. At Benina, two hangars were destroyed and a large fire, probably of oil, was started. Bombs were also seen to burst among motor transport vehicles and on the landing ground. Subsequently the aerodrome buildings were machine-gunned.

At Berka, barracks and motor transport on the aerodrome and building were both bombed and machine-gunned.

Bombs were dropped on the hangars and buildings at Maritza and a large fire was started near the garages and workshops. Two other fires were seen, which may have been enemy aircraft in flames. Our pilots completed the attack by machine-gunning the aerodrome.

During Wednesday, our fighters maintained offensive patrols but no engagements resulted. From all these operations, all our aircraft returned safely. — British Wireless.

Advances Continue

The British offensive in Africa is progressing favourably everywhere. Yesterday's communique issued in Cairo states that in Libya the advance continues towards Benghazi.

In Eritrea, the British forces are now closing in on strongly held Italian positions about Keren. Further South, the Italian forces which had withdrawn eastward, are being hard-pressed.

Fifteen hundred prisoners have been captured, mostly Italians.

In the various operations based on the Sudan, British casualties have been light.

In Abyssinia, good progress is being made in the British advance along the Gondar Road.

In Italian Somaliland, British penetration in all sectors across the enemy frontier is daily becoming deeper. — Reuter.

Test Of A.R.P. Tunnels

Some 3,000 coolies are to be engaged in an experiment to test the ventilation of the A.R.P. Tunnel opposite the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Queen's Road East.

The experiment is to be carried out within the next ten days. Equipped with medical supplies, several government doctors will accompany the coolies in case of an emergency.

This will be the first experiment of its kind to be carried out by the Air Raid Precautions Department.

The coolies will remain in the tunnel for three hours beginning from 9 a.m.

The Chief Air Raid Warden and Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden for Hong Kong will be present during the experiment.

Arrangements have been made by the Air Raid Precautions Department for members of the Executive and Legislative Councils to inspect different A. R. P. Tunnels in Hong Kong.

The inspection will take place on Monday afternoon.

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DEATH

MARTIN—At St. Teresa's Hospital this morning, 7th February, 1941, L. A. Martin, in his 27th year. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.



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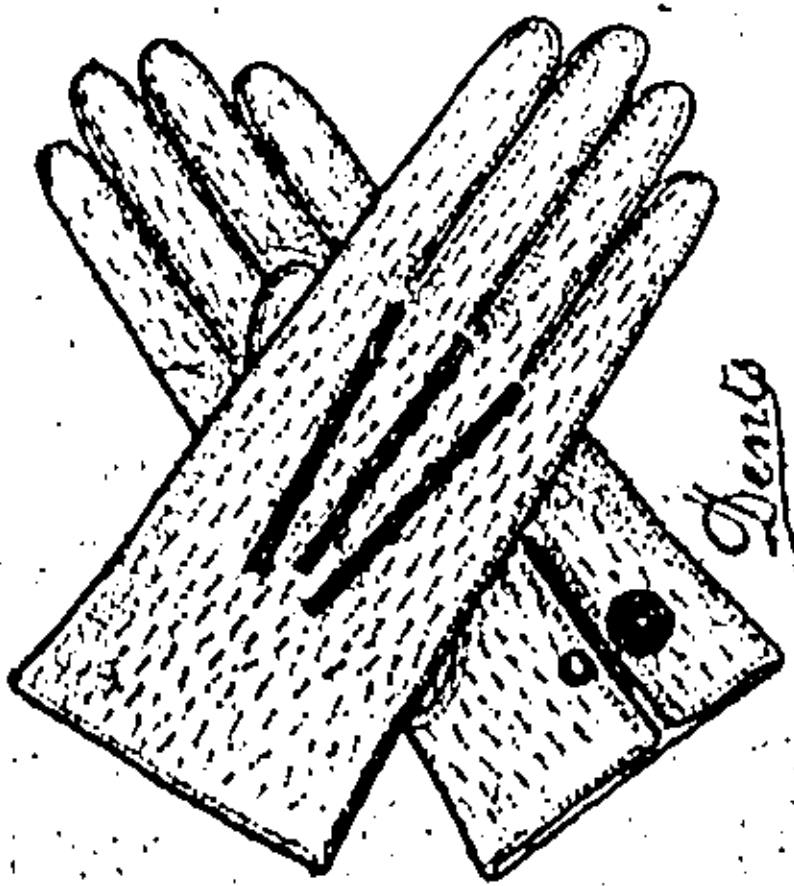
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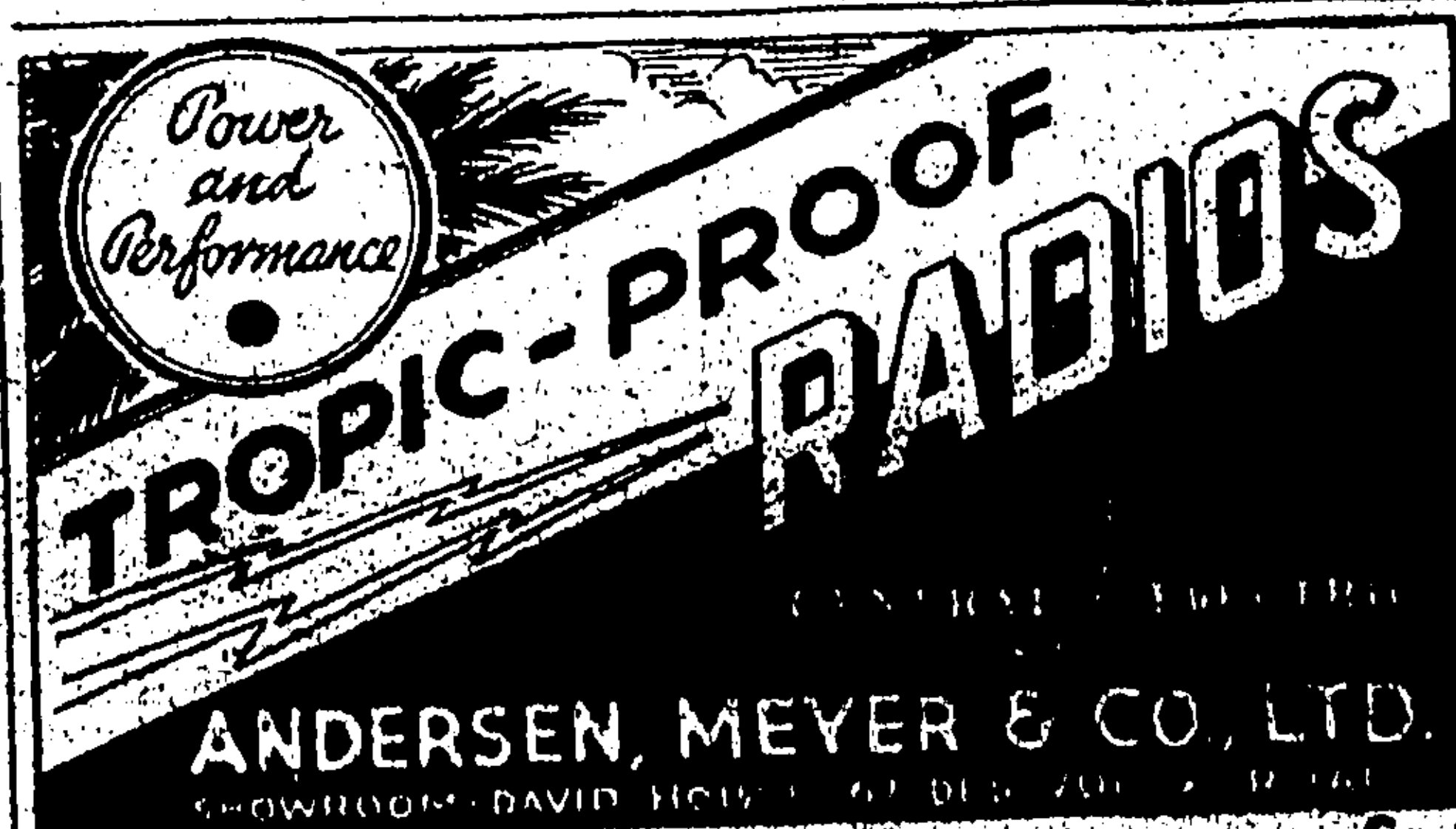
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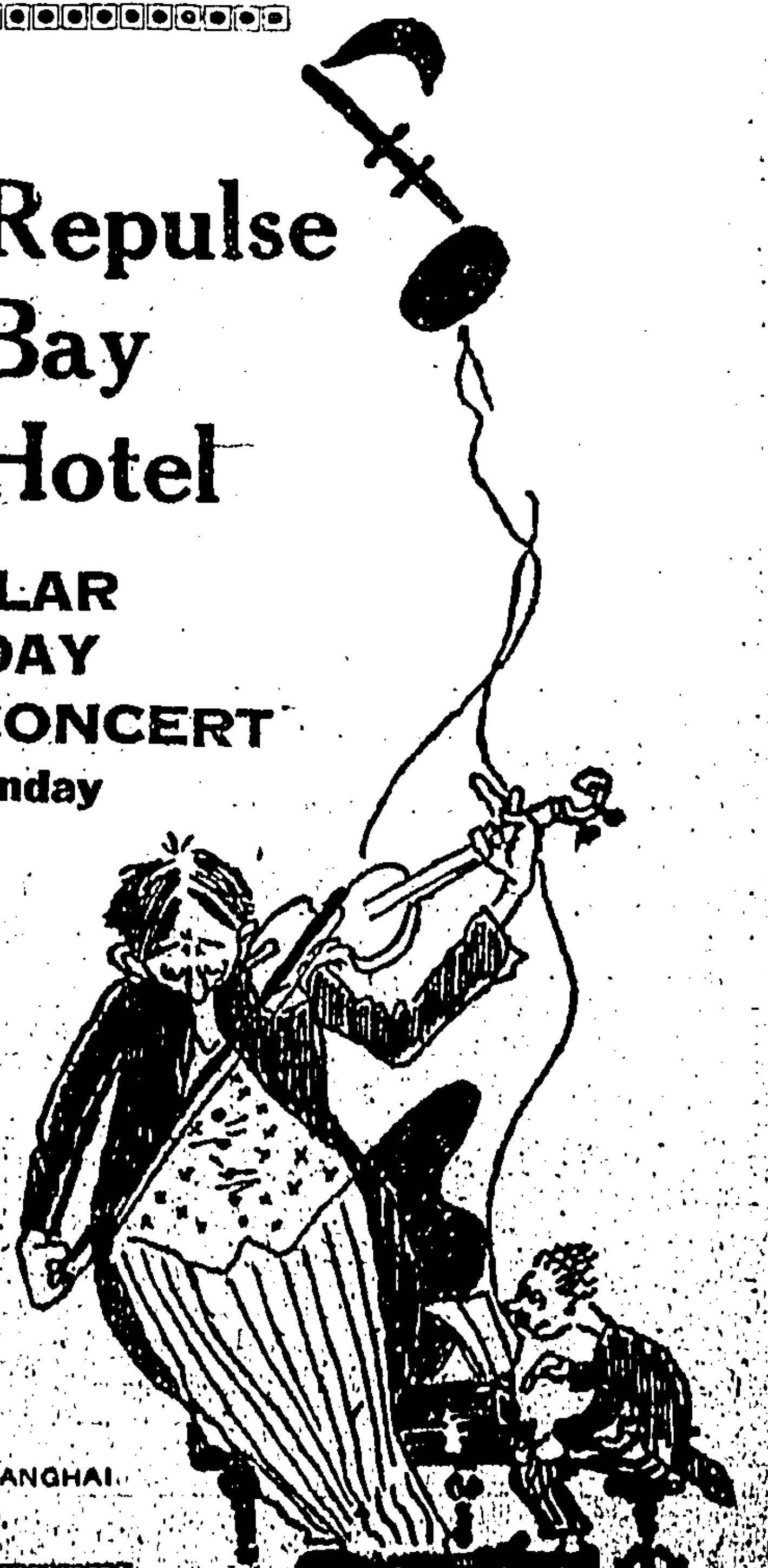
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SHORT STORY

The Zargun Of Zaki

SAT in the shop of Zaki, seller of gems, sipping the amber-scented tea he provided only for his very special friends. At least, that is what he impressed on me, and I liked to believe him. Opposite me, on an ornate galley couch, sat Zaki himself, turning over in his hand some recent purchases so that they would catch the light—artificial, for the light of day never penetrated to this dark corner of the Muski.

Suddenly he picked out one of the stones and considered it apart for a long moment. Then he sighed and a smile crept round the corner of his lips.

"You are thinking?" I put in tentatively.

"I think," he admitted slowly, "of another zargun, green like this one, only larger, much larger." He paused and his eyes flickered. "My friend," he went on with a strange suddenness, "you have written many times, I know, of the cleverness of the Cairo Muski. Tell this time how a tourist lady beat an Egyptian. Listen, my friend, such chance are rare as date on royal palm."

He smiled a little, then continued:

"My friend, I have heard in your country they say sometime of people they live the cat-and-dog life. Yes? Then would it offend if I call my two ladies Miss Katt and Miss Dogg? For though they travel about everywhere all together, yet I think they live just that kind of life. I have thought of them that way and if you will excuse me, I had story more easy to tell that way."

And this is the story Zaki told me that day in his shop. He was very proud of his English, was Zaki, and described it as "First class O.K." And though I am used to it, for I have known Zaki for many years, you might find his quaint phraseology as difficult to follow as I once did. So here it is, told as simply as anything Zaki is concerned in can be told.

One day the two ladies—whom we must call Miss Katt and Miss Dogg—wandered into his shop. Zaki gave them just one glance—it was enough. No use wasting time on them; they would look round, pass disparaging remarks on everything and pass out.

But after a little he noticed Miss Dogg, who, he had decided, was the less objectionable of the two, go back to the tray where he displayed his zircons and pick up one which she had already looked at more than casually. It was a large green stone of the more uncommon kind known as zargun. Zaki hovered hopefully.

"How much?" she barked over her shoulder.

"That very fine stone, lady," he told her, holding it up to catch the light. "You know the good stones, yes?"

"How much?" she barked again, but Zaki could see his remark had pleased her.

"Business very bad," Zaki confessed with sorrow in his voice. "I do not mind if I lose just to say I have done business to-day. Lady, I sell you this magnificent zargun for two gineh."

She shook her head, twitched her nose. "Too much! I give you one and a half."

"You would ruin me, lady," said Zaki sadly. "But what matter, if I get ruin to-day or to-morrow, I give it away for two less a quarter."

"I'll take it for that." It was Miss Katt who had suddenly snapped in. She did not really want the stone, but somehow he did not want Miss Dogg to have it. Zaki sensed it; it was his job. Miss Dogg sensed it; she knew Miss Katt.

"I'll give you two gineh for it," said Miss Dogg firmly.

Zaki began to get interested. And his assistant, though he did not understand one word of the conversation, realised that something out of the ordinary was afoot and came closer. And Ahmed, the seller of brass opposite, who had been fluttering round the door to importune the

tourists when they left Zaki, and Sabr, the seller of scent, both advanced imperceptibly into the shop. The two ladies, blood up, had settled down to it. Their faces, as Zaki put it, were tight up like the ass when you try to turn his head from home at sunset. Two-forty, two-sixty, two-eighty.

It was Miss Katt who snapped in at three gineh. Miss Dogg just looked at her with the hate of a lady friend. Zaki smiled at her.

"The magnificent zargun, it is yours for three gineh, lady."

Miss Katt looked at Miss Dogg as if she could not believe her silence; then turned to Zaki and forced a laugh.

"It was only a game," she said, licking her lips a little nervously. "I do not want it at all. You can keep it."

"Lady," replied Zaki very quietly, "I do not have shop in Muski to play games. I here to do business. You say you give me three gineh for this magnificent zargun. You take it."

Miss Katt glanced towards the door, but Zaki's assistant stood there, and Ahmed the seller of brass, and Sabr, the seller of scent. She saw the fearsome expression on Ahmed's face she did not know it was always like that, even when he was happy—and her confidence deserted her. She opened her bag, threw down three notes, snatched up the zargun.

"Good-bye, ladies," Zaki bowed very politely, but he was addressing the air.

Two days later Miss Katt came to Zaki's shop alone. She showed the zargun to Kaki. Was it really as uncommon as he had said? The merchant assured her that it was seldom one came across a zargun of that colour and size. Miss Katt made no effort to hide her disappointment; she took Zaki into her confidence. She admitted frankly that she had been silly on her previous visit; she had been very annoyed with her friend that day and had wanted to make her pay more. She had not wanted the zargun herself. But now she was glad, for the more she looked at it the more she liked it. And it had struck her that, if she could only get another just like it, she could get the two made into a perfectly delightful pair of ear-rings.

Zaki agreed that the idea was a magnificent one, but he was extremely doubtful. The chance of getting a match was so very small.

"What a pity!" she sighed. "I would give eight gineh for another just like it."

Only with the greatest difficulty did Zaki conceal his excitement. "Lady," he said, "I do what I can, but nothing I promise. Sometime it happen if Allah will."

"You will find me at Shepheard's if you are lucky," she said. "I shall be there for a few weeks more."

Eight gineh for a zargun—and not real at that, for these Muski stones were from Switzerland, fused from zircon chips! It would certainly be difficult to get one just like it, but eight gineh! Zaki could not get the incredible figure out of his head. Hardly had Miss Katt disappeared than he was off down the Muski lanes, seeking out his friends who also were sellers of gems, seeking out even his enemies. But nowhere could he get a green zargun large enough. In desperation, he went back to his friends, gave them the colour and size and told them that if they could get one like that, he would pay a very good price for it.

Four days later, Aly Mohammed came to the shop of Zaki with a stone which Zaki knew in an instant was the one he wanted. Naturally he pointed out to Aly at considerable length that the stone was on the small side and differed appreciably from his description. Unfortunately Aly was convinced that his friend's memory was failing and, in the end, Zaki had to pay six gineh for the stone. As he was going to get eight for it he faced the ruin the purchase involved him in with praiseworthy stoicism.

Now Zaki had summed up Miss Katt very shrewdly and he knew that she would do her utmost to find fault with any match he might obtain in order to get it cheaper. He had, therefore, taken a wax impression of the original zargun so that he could get the match cut precisely the same before he offered it. And now he tried the new purchase against the mould.

The zargun dropped in and Zaki thought he had gone mad. It fitted so that not even a single hair of the Prophet's beard could be slipped between!

Zaki stared at it, knew that Allah had punished him for the greed that had blinded his native caution. Knew that he had bought back his own zargun at twice what he had sold it for!

Straightway he went to his friend, Aly Mohammed, told him what had happened and asked how the stone had come into his possession. Aly explained that a lady had come into his shop with

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the zargun and asked him if he would set it for her in a Turkish filigree ring. He had immediately realised that it was just such a stone that his friend Zaki was seeking and offered to buy it.

The lady, however, seemed reluctant to part with it and Aly had to offer five gineh before the zargun changed hands. Aly described the lady and Zaki's last doubt fled.

For a long time the two sat, smoking their bubble-hubbles in thoughtful, friendly silence. At the end they decided that Miss Katt, like the scorpion, had a sting in her tail. And were there no ways of making the scorpion spend its poison harmlessly?

Two days later, Aly Mohammed interviewed Miss Dogg at Shepheard's. He told her that he knew from Zaki, his friend, how Miss Katt had tried to make her pay more for the zargun and had been obliged to buy it for herself though she did not want it. Now, however, it seemed that Miss Katt not only liked it but was very eager to get another one the same in order to make a unique pair of ear-rings and she had told Zaki she was prepared to pay ten gineh for a perfect match.

Aly produced a large green zargun from his pocket. Here was the match. He could guarantee that there was not another like it in the Muski. If he sold it to Zaki, as Zaki wanted, Zaki would sell it to Miss Katt who would have her unique ear-rings. Aly frankly did not like Miss Katt, if Miss Dogg would excuse him saying so, and would gladly have refused to part with his zargun to prevent Miss Katt from getting her wish.

"But, lady," he confessed, "Aly was at the shop of Aly Mohammed, offering to buy back the

many children he not know, all hungry. And Zaki, he say he pay me nine gineh. But if lady want zargun much I give it her for nine just the same. Then, if lady like, she can sell it to her friend for ten or more and get fun of it just like her friend try to get before in Zaki shop."

Miss Dogg hesitated only a moment. The chance was too good to miss and she paid over the nine gineh. Then Aly suggested that she might like to have it made into a ring so that people could see and admire such a magnificent zargun; he would gladly include the cost of setting in the nine gineh. Miss Dogg thought of Miss Katt and smiled. Aly took the zargun away with him; he was smiling, too.

To Zaki, his friend, went Aly with the ubiquitous zargun, and Zaki, two days later, presented himself and the zargun to Miss Katt. He reminded her of her offer to pay eight gineh for a match to the zargun she had already bought so that she could

have ear-rings made. Miss Katt made the face of a camel, as Zaki described it. She said she did not know what he was talking about and threatened to call a policeman if he did not leave immediately. Zaki went, outwardly fuming, inwardly delighted.

He returned the zargun to Aly so that it could be set in a ring as promised for Miss Dogg. Then, three days after, Zaki again caught the presence of Miss Katt.

He was blatantly excited. A lady, he explained to Miss Katt, had just been in his shop, had spotted the zargun he had got to match Miss Katt's original zargun, but which she had refused to take. That was all forgotten now; she had changed her mind and anybody is allowed to change her mind. But the lady had got the same idea Miss Katt had once had—if she could only get another zargun like it, what magnificent ear-rings they would make!

"Miss Katt," pleaded Zaki, "I know you not want zargun you buy from me very much. You sell it back to me? I give you six gineh for it."

Miss Katt just stared at the jewel merchant. "Seven gineh," he promised eagerly. "Eight."

Before she had recovered from her astonishment he had offered 12 gineh, protesting that he could pay no more or there would be no profit in it for himself. She looked at him strangely, promised in the end that she would think it over.

"O.K., lady," said Zaki. "If you think yes, you bring it to my shop."

Early next morning Miss Katt was at the shop of Aly Mohammed, offering to buy back the

zargun she had sold him a few days before. Aly expressed his regret; alas! he had sold it to a lady who wanted very much a large, green zargun. A Miss Dogg, it was, who was staying at Shepheard's Hotel; he had made it into a ring and sent it there. She asked him when he had sold it and he told her.

Her flickering doubts about Zaki's story of the new customer vanished. Obviously, if Miss Dogg had bought the zargun from Aly, Zaki could not offer her the same stone two days after. Her nice little scheme had mis-carried owing to the intervention of Miss Dogg, confound her! Zaki had not bought his own stone back as she had intended him to in order to pay him out for the way he had treated her. Somehow he had secured a match to the original zargun—but now he would have to pay to get back the very stone he had forced her to buy.

Next day a triumphant Miss Katt invaded Zaki's shop. She had the original green zargun. She offered it to Zaki and demanded twelve gineh. Zaki looked at her in amazement and shook his head.

"I do not understand," said Zaki, very much as she had said it but a few days before at Shepheard's when he offered her the match.

She forced a laugh. "You are having a little game with me." "Lady," replied Zaki, "I tell you once already we not have shops in Muski to play games. We here to do business and it very foolish business to buy zargun for twelve gineh."

"But you promised," she stormed, "and it cost me ten gineh to get it back for you, for I had sold it."

Zaki shook his head, threw out his hands. She raved, she blustered till Ahmed, the seller of brass, looked round the corner with that fearsome face of his. Then she went, cursing audibly, and Zaki added to his English First Class O.K.

"Good-bye lady," Zaki bowed politely to Miss Katt's dust.

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Zaki regarded me solemnly, but there was a twinkle of laughter in his eyes.

"You see, my friend, she pay the eight gineh for that zargun just as she promise. She pay me three at the first, she get five from Aly Mohammed, she pay ten to the Miss Dogg. Aly and me we have our own account. You understand how strange the ways of Allah."

Carelessly he tossed the green zargun into his gem-tray.

"But Zaki," I protested, when I had got my mind out of its Oriental confusion, "you were going to tell me a story of how you were beaten. You won."

The Egyptian shook his head. "Oh, no, my friend," he insisted firmly. "I get the defeat O.K. But is it not your people which say one may profit more from the defeats than from the wins. That way it is, I think."



D. Mar batting in the clash between the Wildcat and the Canuckettes on Sunday morning. In the softball league, Canuckettes went down to their first defeat 11-2.

ET VOICI ET VOILA

BEWILDERMENT is the only correct description of the feelings the sudden collapse of France has caused to all who know and love that country. The utmost bewilderment, and pangs so acute that, far from becoming less severe as time goes on, they grow in frequency and intensity. It seems to be the common experience of many people that in meditating upon the French disaster they somehow feel it difficult to believe it is really true, then they hear the next bit of news, which is even more grim than that which they already knew.

Of course, there are always those who pretend to be surprised by nothing and who say "Collapse of France, my dear fellow? Who could have expected anything else?" According to a host of French and British diplomatic commentators, war correspondents and other pundits, the explanation for which we are all searching in vain is not hard to find. Fifth-Columbism at the top, defeatism, treason and corruption, incompetence, disunity et voila et voila. The only point of difference among those who hold this view is that according to some the process of disruption set in quite recently—during the last six or seven years—whereas others believe that it ~~has~~ lasted for many decades, or indeed that it has been inherent in the Third Republic from its very origin.

Why?

There is always danger in oversimplification. And while it is perfectly true that all these indictments are fully justified, not only by the present disaster, but also by a long record of past tragedies, still the fundamental question remains unanswered. Why has France collapsed? And, furthermore, having collapsed, how could she act as she did, or, for that matter, still does?

We have witnessed, within the brief space of a few months, not only a staggering military defeat but the utter disintegration of a great state, which was one of the most solid and powerful states ever known in the history of mankind. The French were civilised when the ancestors of the present self-discovered Aryans were still balancing on their tails from the

France fell because of corruption at the top, but the foundations are sound. British victory will ensure reconstruction and rehabilitation.

By George Soloveytchik

tree-tops of the primeval German forest. For over a thousand years France has not merely had a glorious history, but has shone in every sphere of human activity, especially in that of the mind.

Rome dominated the world by her arms and institutions, Athens by intellect, Carthage by gold. But it was vouchsafed to France to predominate in all three. If it be true that the British Commonwealth of Nations has inherited Rome's universalism as a political organisation, it is especially true that France has inherited her cultural universalism and maintained it to the present day.

Social Stability

Her radiance, though dimmed at times, and never more so than in recent years—has been one of the few permanent factors in the history of civilisation. Whatever may be said against the Third Republic, its deplorable personnel, its politics and institutions, who can deny that throughout the seventy years of its existence it has been not merely rich in political successes, but has remained the metropolis of all the arts and science and learning?

Born after a defeat and during a national paroxysm of the utmost gravity, this Third Republic achieved unprecedented prosperity in the minimum of time; it regained a considerable modicum of national and social stability which enabled it to face the ordeal of the world war; it built up the world's second largest colonial empire. But its principal achievement was in the creative domain of the mind and spirit. It is clear that the causes for the tragedy that has supervened cannot be summed up in one single formula.

With some of the forces of disruption we are familiar enough.

Venality, pettiness, sexual laxity, mental snobbishness (which drew the intellectual elite to the extreme Right or the extreme Left): the worship of sectional interests and, in certain cases, profound defeatism; unsound finance, obstructionism and administrative anarchy here are but some of the unhealthy and lamentable features which characterised "the other France". Yet all these processes, revolting though they were, did not seem to affect the fundamentals of French life, of la France réelle. They were at work, one assumed, on the surface of things; the core was healthy and strong. Was this assumption a mistaken one? Not, I think, entirely mistaken.

Worlds Apart

The fact is that in France, even more than in most other highly developed modern countries, it is necessary to distinguish between the rural population and the townsfolk. They form two worlds apart. Some twenty million Frenchmen and Frenchwomen, or about one half of the whole nation, live on the land. Most of it they own something like 97 per cent. of all the farms their normal holdings being anything from twenty to a hundred acres, with thirty to forty as a good average. The peasants are the hardest working people in the world and their womenfolk share their burdens. During the early months of the present war, when it was as yet a "Sitzkrieg", it was the women who, almost single-handed, gathered in the harvest and kept up the nation's agriculture on a pre-war level. While it is true that this huge peasant population has always exercised great political power, it is equally true that its principal concern in politics has been largely limited to its own immediate interests, i.e. questions of food prices, indirect taxation, legislation concerning mortgages and similar topics. But the peasants have always entertained a profound distrust of politics and

politicians, regarding Paris as a hotbed of political intrigue, of confidence tricksters and crooked financiers.

Moral Depravity

With the exception of Paris, Marseilles, Lyons, Nice and a number of important industrial centres, there are no big towns in France. Alas, these big cities make up in political and moral depravity for the rest of the country. But the Frenchmen who dwell in the villages and small towns are honest, hard-working, loyal citizens, who responded to the call when it came and joined up as their fathers and forefathers had done. Eight months of complete inactivity at the front, and incessant defeatist propaganda skilfully conducted, demoralised them completely. When the blow came, they had only one desire—to get home.

It was not in the villages, but in the big cities of France that the scum of the nation found its happy hunting-ground. There can be no doubt that France's enemies both created and exploited every possible source of disintegration.

With each generation the calibre of the nation's leaders became slither. The "Fathers of the Republic" even the men of 1900-1920 were of a finer fibre than the present generation.

One man stands out as solid as a rock; courageous, patriotic, able, efficient, incorruptible—Georges Mandel, Clemenceau's disciple. Small wonder that the Vichy gang have made him their scapegoat No. 1.

Daladier

One of the worst culprits, in my opinion, is Daladier. For nearly five years he was in charge of the National Defence Ministry of France. How is it that the French entered this war in what is now admitted to have been a state of utmost unpreparedness? Where did all the money go—those milliards voted every year for National Defence? Why was the Maginot Line never extended along the Belgian and Swiss frontiers?

Nor are the military experts less blameworthy. During the twenty years that separate the present

war from the last there was complete continuity in the supreme command and technical supervision of the French armed forces. Almost alone among the nations, and with good reason, France never agreed to disarm; on the contrary, she invariably stressed the need of preparedness and vigilance. The tradition of her great military schools as a training ground for her officers went on unbroken. Compulsory military service greatly facilitated the steady flow of recruits. And, with one exception, national defence received all the appropriations its Chiefs demanded. Neither the Right nor the Left dared to interfere with the military organisation.

What Matters

Largely Royalist, with an intense contempt for, and hatred of, the politicians, the army nevertheless recognised and obeyed the Republican Government's authority. But it remained outside the turmoil of party strife and financial wire-pulling. Its leaders cannot escape their share of the responsibility for the collapse of their country. They had been given all they wanted, money and men galore. Yet they not only conceived a wrong plan and gave their men faulty orders, but most of the troops were never allowed to fight at all. In their detestation of the Republic political regime, the army and some of the vital government departments committed wholesale treason from what they held to be the noblest of motives. Ostensibly they believed in "regeneration through suffering."

Only a British victory can save France. A strong and politically active France is an absolute necessity to Britain. What particular forms this regeneration of the great French nation is to take, it is premature to say. As Clemenceau used to put it, what matters are not systems, but men.

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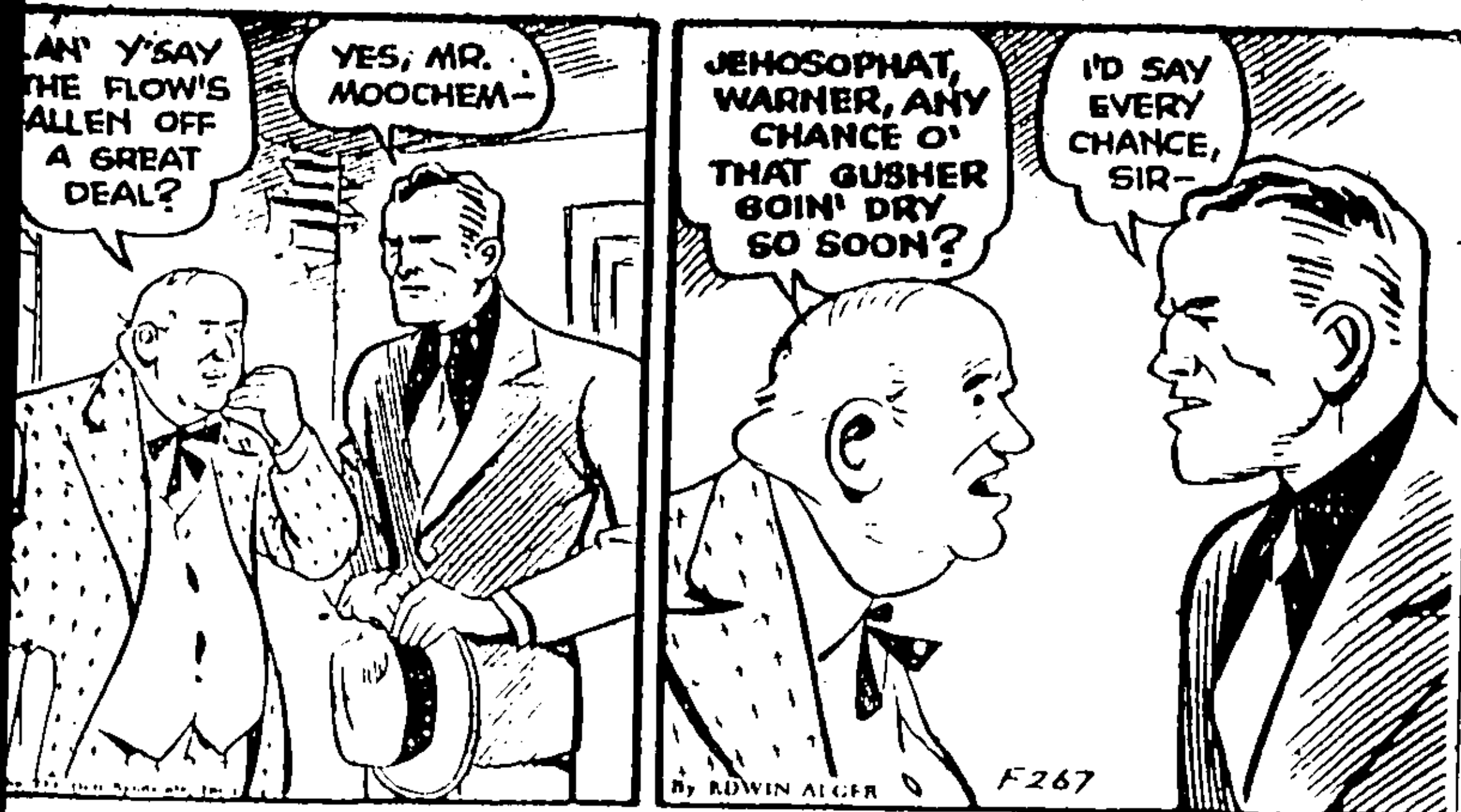
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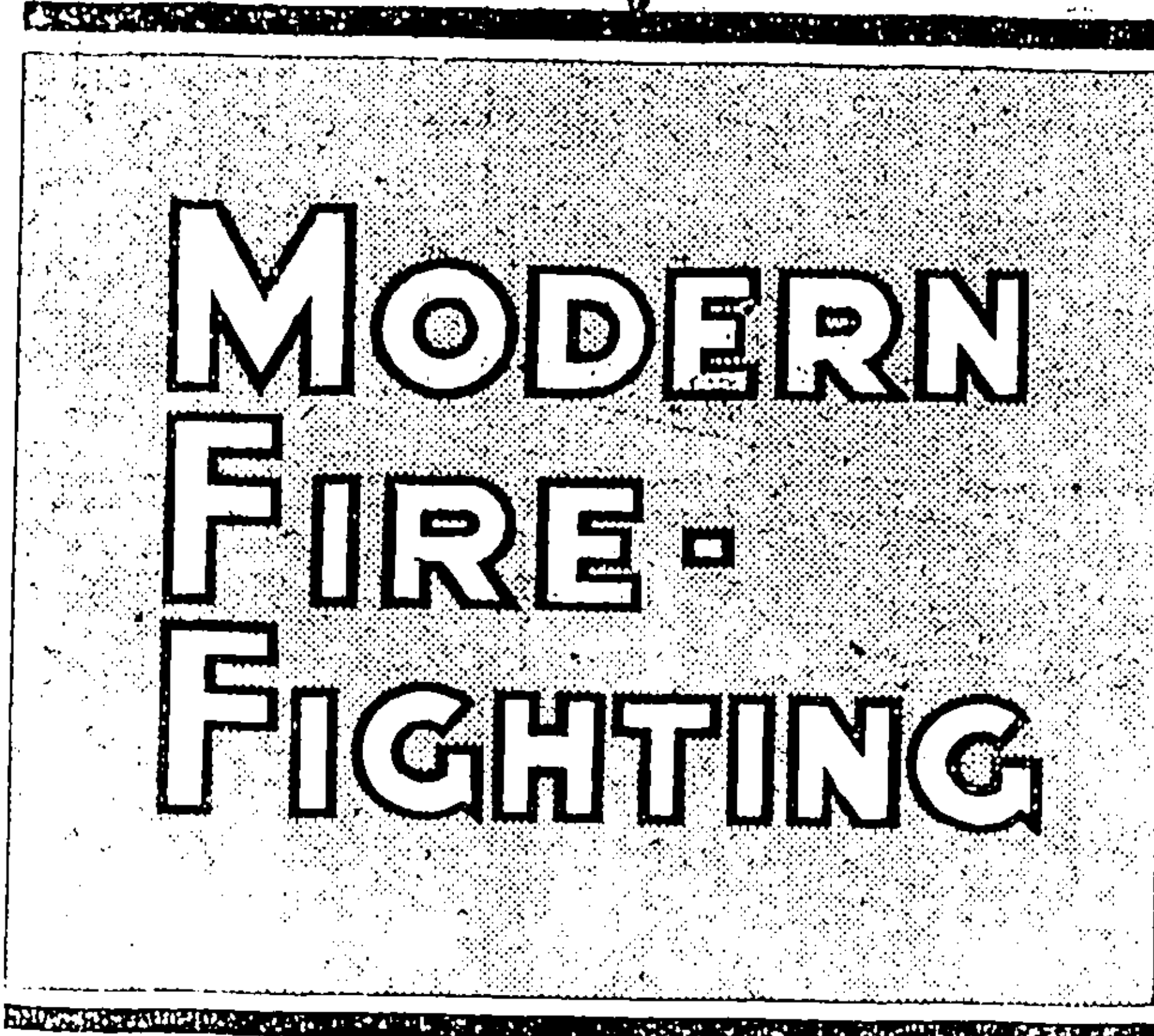
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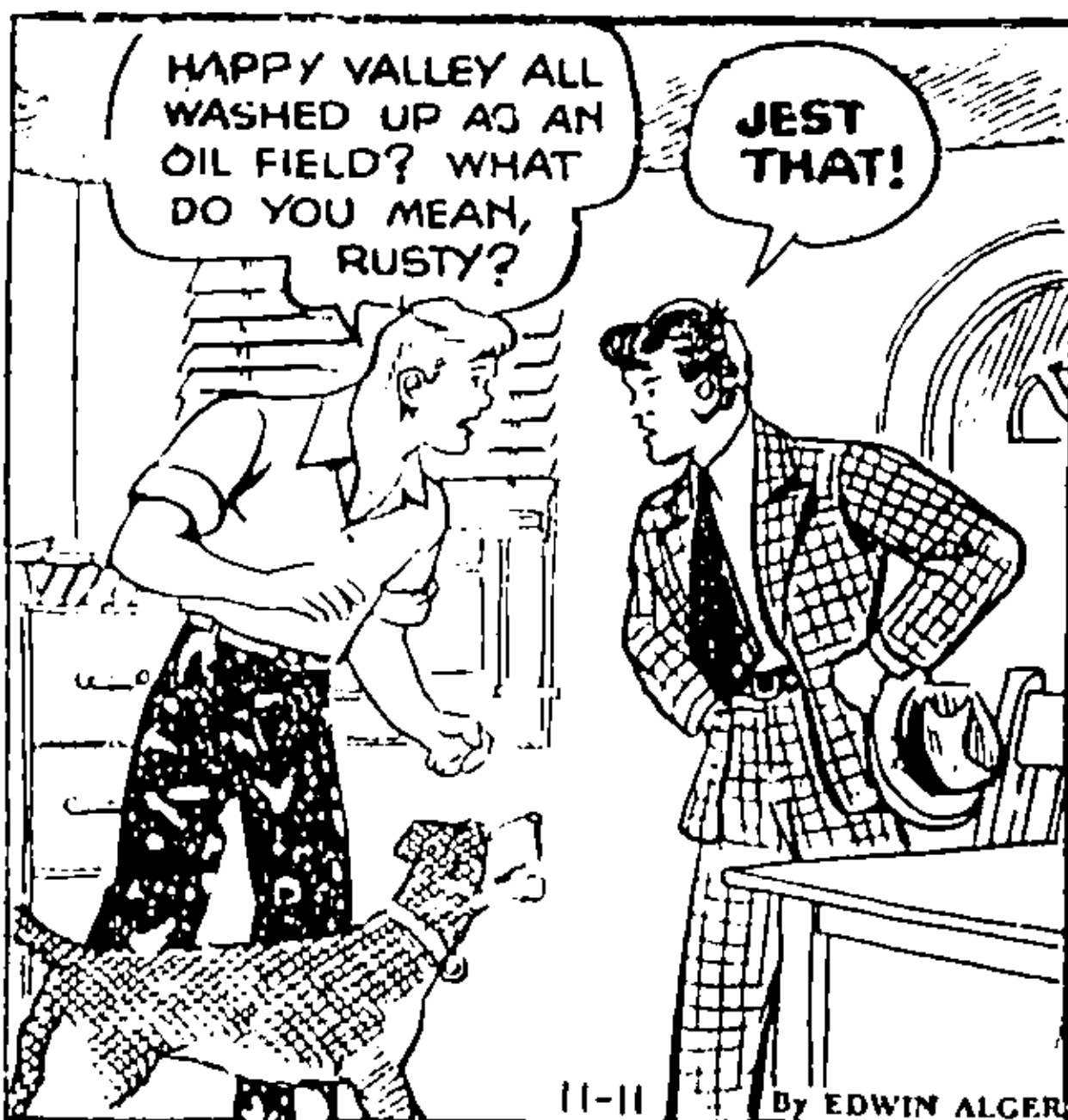
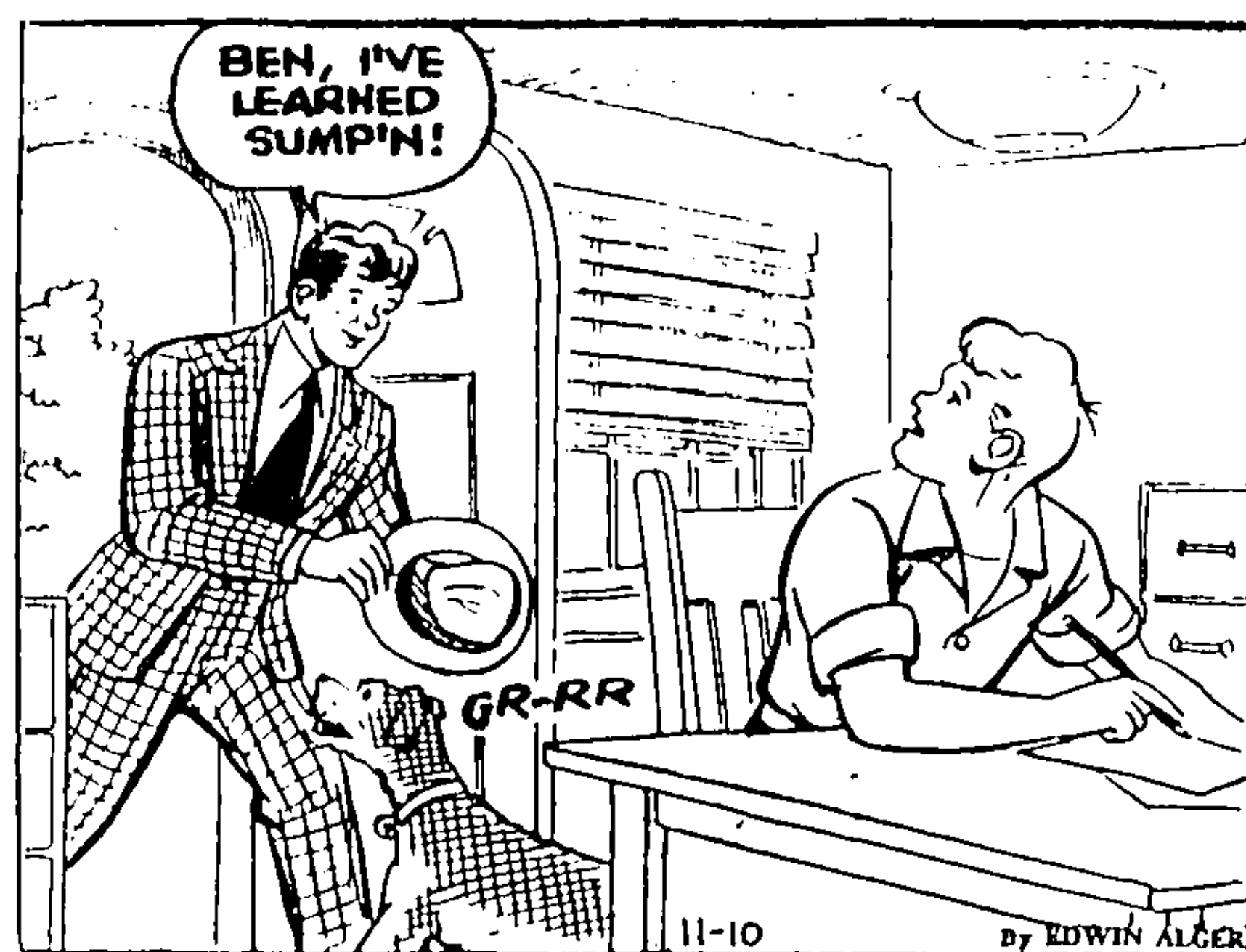
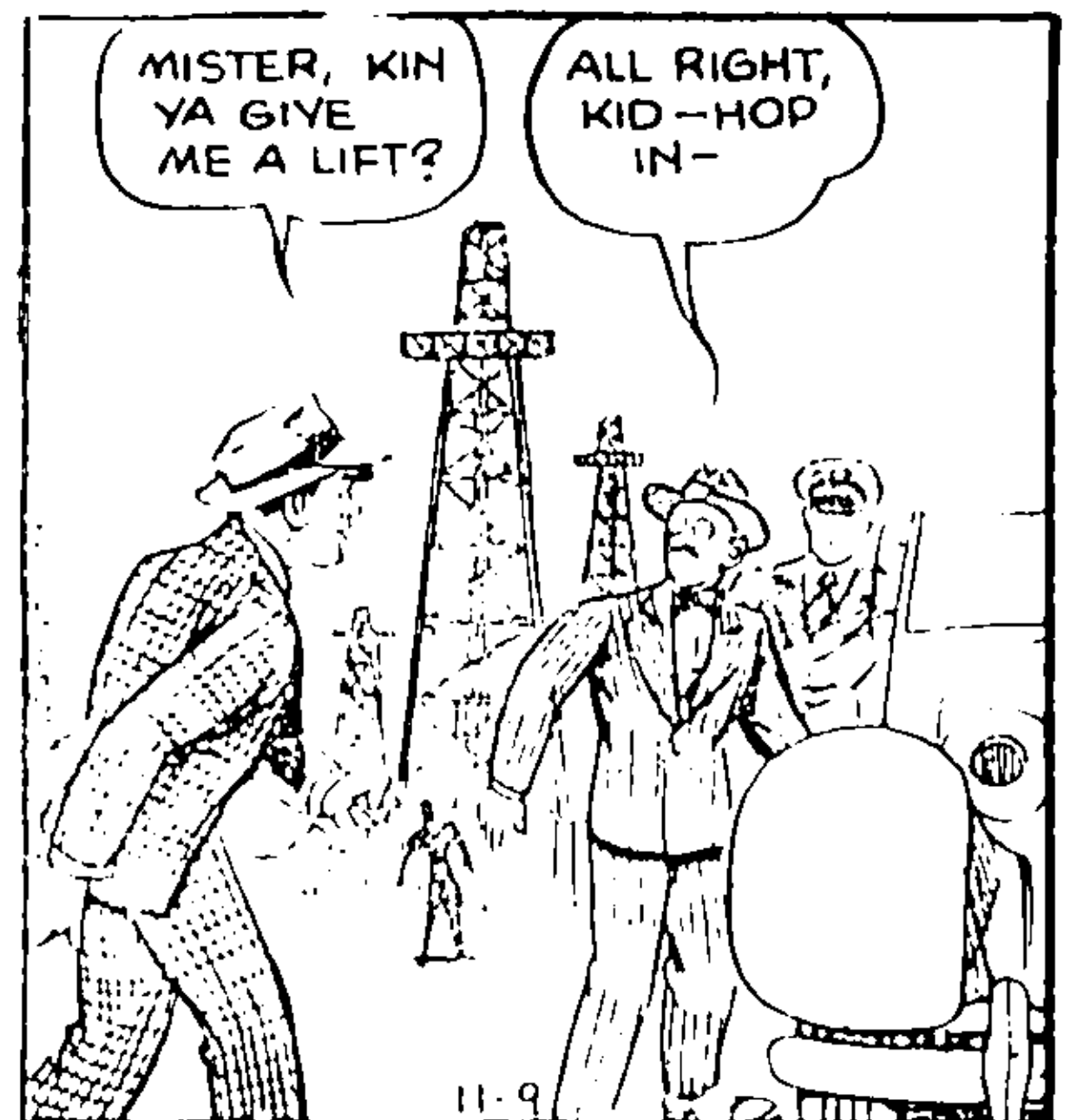
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BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER — RUSTY WILL KNOW!

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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Figure Contouring

This is the simple story of correct body massage and the important part it can play in the removal of excess and unwanted fat.

Every woman knows that a certain amount of fat is essential to body health. It not only acts as a protective packing material in giving the human frame its smooth and rounded contours but is also a nutritive reserve. When this normal supply of fat is increased through lack of muscular exercise or incorrect diet, or both, it becomes a detriment to good looks and health. Every woman who discovers she is getting fat immediately wants to find a way to slim. She can with comparatively little effort and very great effect, slim through expert massage. But she should exercise some between visits to a salon.

What Are Muscles?

A muscle is that part of the body which may be called a structural element or organ, devoted to the production of movement in the body. In other words, every move we make is controlled by the muscles, and physical limberness depends upon their condition. Every muscle is fed by arteries that carry streams of food and oxygen to them. The muscles in turn select their required diet and the veins carry away the waste products.

When these muscles (through lack of proper exercise) cease to function as they should, disaster results and fat accumulates.

As one becomes older active exercise seems to become a physical strain even though it shouldn't become so. The answer then to a fat-controlled body is a passive form of exercise that massage offers. For massage places no exertion on the heart or other organs and should, thereby, prove the ideal method for reduction. Massaging not only conditions the muscular system and eliminates superfluous fat but it greatly benefits the nervous system through its soothing treatment.

What To Expect From A Masseuse

It is the task of the masseuse to seek the roots of fat disorder and correct it, if she can. The correct routine of massaging is both relaxing and stimulating. It



Keep healthy and slim through active outdoor exercise.

loosens the fat particles, breaking them into units more easily disposed of, and then tightens the muscles that have become flabby. It is vital for the masseuse to have almost as thorough a knowledge of the body as a surgeon, so be certain the woman you go to has been certified. Many outstanding women who work in this field have taken medical courses and their trained, skillful fingers, and pressure, do what you hope they will do!

If exercise has not been forbidden, you could help the slimming process along by exercising between salon visits. And once you get a "pretty figger," try to keep it so!

Styles For Long Hair

DON'T cut your hair. You will switch back to switches if you do, according to Emily Moore, hair stylist. For in her opinion the long hair vogue is coming back with a bang! The feminine public and the stars of stage and screen have shown their approval. Irene Hervey has made a Grecian coiffure popular. The hair is waved back from the face and braided into a big knot at the nape of the neck. In "Spring Parade," Deanna Durbin wears her hair braided into two buns, one over each ear, which is most in keeping with her youthful charm and it is predicted that campus lassies will embrace this hair-do wholeheartedly.

Sub-debs, and debs, likewise are showing a yen for longer hair fashions. They like Anne Gwynne's newest which is coronet braids set high on softly waved



SOPHISTICATED CHARM is the keynote of this lovely long-hair coiffure which Eleanor Powell wears so beautifully.

hair with a fringe of ringlets over the forehead. Sophisticated charm is radiated by Eleanor Powell's long hair fashion—parted in the centre her hair is rolled softly on each side high. These rolls are broken by a single fat curl above the ear. The rest of her hair is drawn loosely to the nape of her neck braided and then pinned up. This



coiffure will please the most fashion-minded ladies who go in for the colourful Spanish-looking South American creations. And it is also lovely with dinner and evening gowns, which are richly draped.

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stylists in this country believe that long hair, the real chignon worn low on the neck is definitely high-style to-day, and they have created the most exquisite hats and turbans to dramatise the new long-hair era. Gayly lined ruffles of the hat material cascade down the back of the hair, or layers of ruffled black lace form back drops. When these two women concentrate on bonnets for long-hair fashions you can wager the fashion is condoned!

Better Hair Health

Beauty editors will cheer this new style for now women can whip their hair into better health. Several permanent waves a year rob the hair of its vitality and the result you can see on any main

street—discoloured, faded, frizzy, untidy ends hanging out from under the women's hats.

If your hair needs revitalising why not skip the next permanent wave and buy instead a braid to match your hair? Then you may brush your hair as much as you want, oil it frequently before shampoos and keep the scalp cleansed and lubricated with a specific corrective tonic. In three or four months your hair will have so much renewed beauty that you will be grateful to milliners and beauty editors for considering your head problem! In the meantime you can be very stylish with a sleek hair-do and your braid.

And another thing—a secret—most men ADORE long hair!

Single Goal Victory



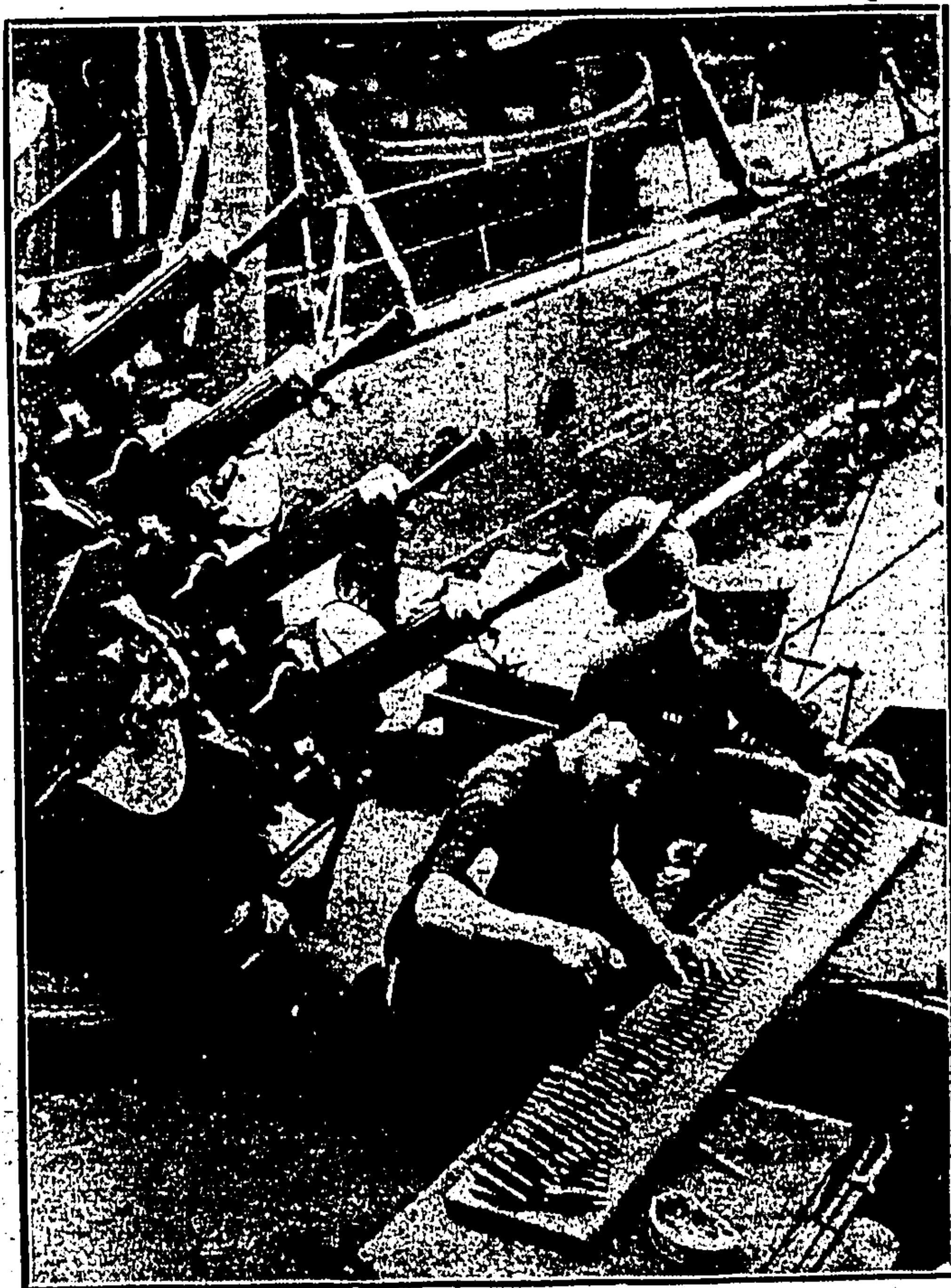
The Senior Shield match between the Middlesex and Sing Tao last Saturday provided one of the most thrilling soccer games of this season. Sing Tao won by the only goal. Here Cheung Wing chui, hero of the match, who foiled the Middlesex forward, is seen saving a dangerous ball from a corner.



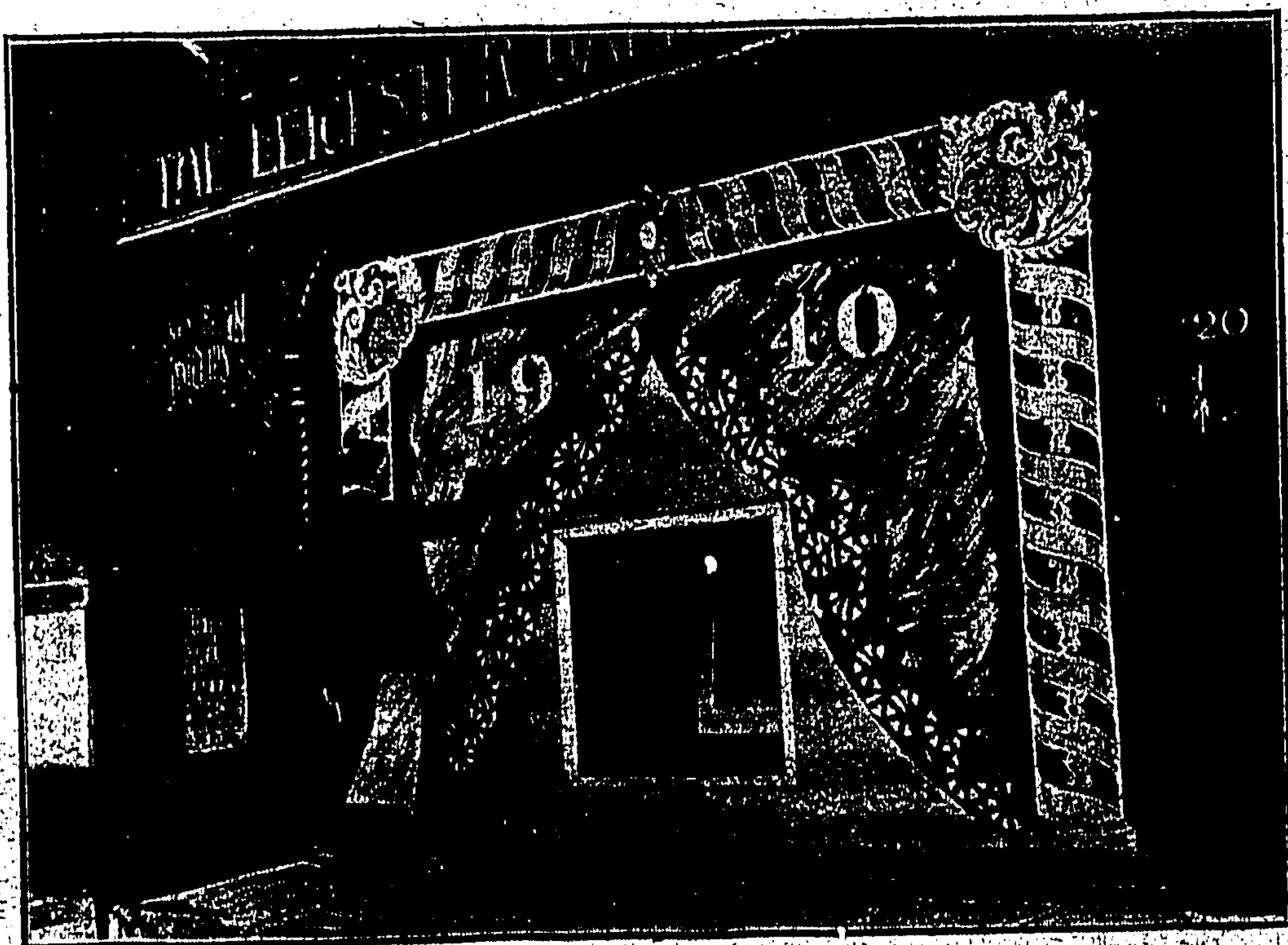
Officers of the Middlesex Regiment and of other units turned up in strength to last Saturday's Shield tie.



This is the Wildcat team which inflicted the season's first defeat on the Canuckettes in the softball league on Sunday. They won 11-2 and now challenge for the pennant.



This photograph, taken on the escorting vessel, shows men on board an East Coast Convoy proceeding South preparing machine guns for action. (Copyright, Fox).



It has been suggested that artists of repute should be invited by West End shopkeepers to design distinctive decorations for the blank spaces which now surround many of the "peepshow" windows. The Leicester Galleries have had their make-shift window decorated in the form of a theatre proscenium arch with a splash of crimson encircling the columns; this now frames the small window through which one may view whatever is displayed within. (Copyright, Fox).



An Indian company of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps assisting in clearing up air raid damage in a London area. (Copyright, Fox).